MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: 28 JANUARY 75

SUBJECT: SEE FILE NUMBER →

FILE NUMBER: 526113

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(DUE TO WATERGATE ASSOCIATION OF 526113 (NOVEL, GORDON DWAYNE):

GOMEZ, LOUIS H., SR — OS# 925945 (ASSOCIATE)

BACCUZZI, ANDRES RENEE, JR — OS# 190442 (COUSIN OF 925945)

BACCUZZI, JANET ELNORA — OS# 107919 (SPOUSE OF 190442)

OFFICE AND TITLE	SIGNATURE
E. EVANS CI/3/F	[signature]

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	LITIGATION		MANDATORY CLASSIFICATION REVIEW	

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REQUEST NO.

SUBJECT OF REQUEST: NOVEL, Gordon

DATE OF REQUEST: 1979

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)
NOVEL, Gordon

FROM:	EXTENSION	NO.
Curtis R. Rivers (C) DC/OSB 4E27 Hqs.	1788	#526 113 DATE 31 August 1983

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
1. C/OSB	1 SEP 1983	1 Sept	JM	In response to the attached Incident Report dated 29 August 1983, the undersigned, on 30 August 1983, telephonically contacted Sergeant Haas, who is the supervisor of Detective Arthur Trollinger in Fort Lauderdale's Organized Crime Division. Several attempts to contact Detective Trollinger on 29 and 30 August 1983 had been unsuccessful. Sergeant Haas was advised that a Gordon Novel, believed to be identical to the Gordon Novel of interest to Fort Lauderdale's Organized Crime Division, is not now nor has he ever been an employee or employed in any capacity ~~to~~ with the CIA. The undersigned added that since the late 60's, Gordon Novel has periodically claimed employment with the CIA. Sergeant Haas advised that Gordon Novel is a suspect in a "bomb threat case."
2. DC/SSD	1 SEP 1983	9/1	CB	
3. C/OSB	1 Sept	1 Sept	JM	
4. DC/OSB	1 Sept	9/1		
5. Susie				
6. please do c/c comms				
7. and close				
8.				
9.				
10.				No further action is contemplated regarding this matter, and it is recommended that this case be closed. Curtis Rivers Concur in closing JM Case closed. CB
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15. WARNING NOTICE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES OR METHODS INVOLVED				CL BY 235 967 DECL OADR DERIVED FROM COV 1-82

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FROM:

Headquarters Security Branch
Security Duty Office

INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident 29 August 1983 Date of Report 29 August 1983

Time of Incident 1245 Hours Time of Report 1430 Hours

Name NOVEL, Gordon W. (U) Grade NA Office NA

DOB: 07 February 1938

Incident Request for Office of Security Assistance (U)

(305) 761-2314

Summary of Information:

Received a call from Detective Arthur Trollinger, Ft. Lauderdale Organized Crime Division, who requested Office of Security assistance in verifying the employment of SUBJECT with the Central Intelligence Agency. Caller provided the following information. (U)

SUBJECT, a convicted arsonist with ties to organized crime, is in the Ft. Lauderdale area. He is claiming to be affiliated with the Agency and under this guise has approached several companies specializing in electronic surveillance. It is for this reason that caller wishes to verify SUBJECT's employemt. (U)

Caller provided the following description of SUBJECT:

DOB: 07 February 1938
HEIGHT: 5'8"
WEIGHT: 177 LBS.
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE

Advised caller a report of his call would be made and forwarded to the appropriate office for any action deemed necessary. (U)

ACTION TAKEN:

As stated. Copies forwarded to C/SSD for appropriate action. (U)

Contacted and briefed Curt Rivers, SSD, who requested a copy of this report. (C)

A check of SRD indices reflects (2) two hits in name of SUBJECT and OSDO indices reflects (1) hit in name of SUBJECT. (U)

BHS BHS
Reporting Officer

LDA
Chief, Headquarters Security Branch

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CONNECTED

COMTEN NO. 4 LINE EF

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ENTER PASSWORD

REQUEST BEING VALIDATED

J HITS= 2

NOVEL, GORDON OS 67 M0526113

/Y M

/Z 2103152

NOVEL, GORDON DWANE OR 76 M0592178

/Y M /D LTR 21OCT76 VOL 4 OGC RECORDS SEARCH REQ

/Z 2743598

*** END OF HITS

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NOVEL, Gordon
414 Baybrook Dr.
Seabrook, Texas
713-474-5108

Subject advised that he had an economic formula which would solve the world dollar dumping crisis.

IR - 9 February 1973

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SUBJECT: (Optional)
NIS Report on US Persons

FROM:	EXTENSION	NO.
3 CEBehrens C/PCS/LCG 2E03	1064	DATE January 24, 1980

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
1. Bill O'Donnell Office of Security Liaison GH-02			WO	Attached is NIS report, which I believe is the only copy sent to this agency. This is of no interest to the DDO but may be of interest to someone in Security CEB
2.				
3. Security Support Div 4E27	31 JAN 1980	1/31	ED	3-5 Novell has been of interest to SAG. Suggest the NIS memo be forwarded to SAG for info ED.
4.				
5. C/SSD	31 JAN 1980	1/31	Cd	Concur with SAG referral. Edwards
6. ADD/PSI ~~C/DDS/PSI~~	1 FEB 1980 1/31	2/1	RW	
7.				
8.				
9. C/SAG - for Review + Action as necessary				#9. We ought to clarify with NIS that he was never employed with CIA RW Long A/DD/PSI
10. Nelson				10. Steve Lumbe
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DATE: 18 JAN 1980

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TO: Central Intelligence Agency, Deputy Director for Operations Policy & Coordination Staff, ATTN: Liaison Control, Room 2E0308, Washington, D.C.

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S/NOVEL, GORDON/CIVILIAN (DIRC SENSITIVE)

DOI - 4-8 JAN 1980
OPA - 4-8 JAN 1980/NEW ORLEANS, LA
EVAL: F-6
SOURCE: VARIOUS

1. ON 4 JANUARY 1980 THE REPORTING AGENT RECEIVED A CALL (IN HIS ABSENCE) FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS GORDON NOVEL. HE INDICATED TO THE PERSON TAKING THE CALL THAT THE SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED WAS "WASHINGTON". THE REPORTING AGENT RETURNED THE CALL AND IN THE ENSUING CONVERSATION NOVEL INDICATED THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN A "COMMERCIAL VENTURE" AND FELT THAT THE RESULTS MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO "ONI". HE INDICATED, IN ESSENCE, THAT HIS PROJECT INVOLVED OUTFITTING A "FAST PATROL CRAFT" WITH VARIOUS MEANS OF TESTING DEFENSE SYSTEMS (NFI). HE INDICATED THE TAKE FROM THIS PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE INTELLIGENCE DATA ON A VARIETY OF WORLD-WIDE DEFENSE SYSTEMS. HE INDICATED THE BRITISH WERE INVOLVED IN A SIMILAR PROJECT.

2. DURING THE CONVERSATION HE MENTIONED, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, THAT HE FELT "ONI" WOULD BE THE AGENCY WITHIN THE NAVY TO RECEIVE HIS INFORMATION. WHEN THE MISSION OF NIS WAS EXPLAINED TO HIM HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT "ONI" NO LONGER EXISTED AND THAT NIS HAD NO POSITIVE INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION MISSION.

3. DURING THE COURSE OF THIS CONVERSATION NOVEL FREQUENTLY REFERRED TO "MY COMPANY". WHEN ASKED A DIRECT QUESTION REGARDING THE IDENTITY OF HIS COMPANY HE SAID YOU KNOW "THE COMPANY, CIA". HE EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE WITH CIA AND STATED THAT SHOULD HE EVER INVOLVE HIMSELF IN A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE NAVY HE WOULD NOT ALLOW ANY OF HIS INFORMATION TO BE PASSED TO CIA.

4. AT THIS POINT THE REPORTING AGENT INDICATED TO MR. NOVEL THAT NIS WOULD HAVE NO INTEREST IN HIS PROJECT; THAT POSSIBLY SOMEONE ELSE WITHIN THE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MIGHT BE INTERESTED AND THAT IF THE REPORTING AGENT LEARNED OF SUCH HE WOULD RECONTACT NOVEL.

5. THE PHONE NUMBER LEFT BY NOVEL WHEN HE INITIALLY CALLED SEEKING THE REPORTING AGENT IS 504-831-2015. THE NOVEMBER 1979 GREATER NEW ORLEANS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY INDICATES THAT 831-2015 IS THE TELEPHONE

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NUMBER FOR TOM, JEFF OR MICHAEL TEACHWORTH, 936 LAKE AVENUE, METAIRIE, LA (A SUBURB OF NEW ORLEANS). IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SUBJECT OBTAINED REPORTING AGENT'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER AFTER HE MADE AN INITIAL TELEPHONIC INQUIRY OF THE ASAC, NISRA WASHINGTON. DURING THIS CONTACT NOVEL INDICATED HE LIVED IN NEW ORLEANS BUT HE DID NOT REVEAL THE NATURE OF HIS INTEREST.

6. A DCII CHECK OF SUBJECT AND OF THE VARIOUS TEACHWORTHS (CONDUCTED WITH LIMITED IDENTIFYING DATA) WAS NEGATIVE. A CHECK OF THE NUISANCE FILES AT NISHQ REGARDING NOVEL AND THE TEACHWORTHS WAS ALSO NEGATIVE.

7. ON 8 JANUARY 1980 AN ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE WHICH REPORTED LEGAL ACTIONS INVOLVING ONE GORDON NOVEL WITH RESPECT TO HIS CONVICTION FOR AGGRAVATED ARSON. PRESENT LEGAL ACTION REPORTEDLY INVOLVES NOVEL'S APPEAL OF THE CONVICTION AS WELL AS HIS ATTEMPT TO GAIN PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DURING THE APPEAL PROCESS. INFORMATION IN THE ARTICLE INDICATES THAT NOVEL WAS CONVICTED IN LATE 1978 TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON AS A RESULT OF HIS INVOLVEMENT IN A PLAN TO FIRE BOMB A NEW ORLEANS BUILDING DURING EARLY 1976.

8. NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH NOVEL IS CONTEMPLATED ON THE BASIS OF THE FOREGOING AND THIS INFORMATION IS REPORTED MERELY TO PROVIDE A RECORD OF HIS CONTACT WITH NISO NEW ORLEANS.

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TRANSMITTAL SLIP DATE 20 Aug 1981

TO: Ops Support Branch 1HF

ROOM NO. 4E-27 BUILDING Headquarters

REMARKS:

FYI

Mr. Sullivan —

Pls pull file on Novel. Don't see any action except to advise FOIA office.

Done 24 Aug 81 notified Warren Priestly

FROM: Chief, Central Staff/DCD

ROOM NO. 913 BUILDING Key EXTENSION 3767

FORM NO. 241 1 FEB 55 REPLACES FORM 36-8 WHICH MAY BE USED. 8/24 Routing to SAG for info (47)

14 August 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Gordon Novel

Gordon Novel called the New Orleans office on 13 August 1981. Ronald Farris was away on Annual Leave and had arranged to have his calls forwarded automatically to the Houston Field Office's listed telephone number. When the call was answered with the Houston number, Novel indicated that he was calling the New Orleans office. He was told that Farris was out of the office for a week and his calls were being relayed to Houston. Novel asked how he would go about obtaining his personal Agency file under the Freedom of Information Act. He was told that he should address a letter to Freedom of Information Coordinator with his request. He then indicated that he had done this already, and the information sent to him was so severely edited and sanitized that it was difficult to make sense of it. He did, however, discover that it contained information that was erroneous and he asked how to go about refuting the misinformation and/or correcting the file. It was suggested that he write a letter detailing the discrepancies and request that a change be made. He did not seem interested in doing that and promptly changed his line of questioning. He asked how he would go about contacting the Director of the Agency directly. He was told that he should use the local representative, Mr. Farris, to relay any information he might wish to get to the Director. Novel indicated that he had only talked to Farris once, but was anxious to bypass the usual channels to avoid having his information mishandled or misconstrued. He was told that Farris was a highly qualified representative of the Agency and the proper individual to contact regarding information he wished to get to the Director's attention. He gave a small sinister chuckle and replied, "We'll see about that," then hung up.

Colleen R. Webb
DCD/Houston Field Office

CC: Chief, Central Staff
New Orleans Resident Office

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SUBJECT: (Optional)

Pending Litigation - Gordon Novel

FROM:	EXTENSION	NO.
Raymond M. Reardon Security Analysis Group	6009	DATE 29 April 1977

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
1. C/SAG	29 Apr 77		Bb	26 FEB. 1974 consulted verbally to Jameson who was advised that 31 Dec 1974 was correct date. Bruce [signature]
2. C/OPS/PSI	29 APR 1977	4/29	D	2-3
3. DD/PSI		4/29/77	[initials]	Suggest we brief D/OS at next morning meeting because of the alleged involvement of former D/OS. D
4.				O/S
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8. C/SAG	11 May 77		Bb	
9. Reardon				
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29 April 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Analysis Group

FROM : Raymond M. Reardon

SUBJECT : Pending Litigation - Gordon Novel

1. Gordon Novel is a somewhat notorious figure who first came to the attention of this Agency during the Garrision Investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy. From time to time he has claimed to be a CIA employee or to be acting on behalf of the CIA. He has never been employed by the Agency and has had no contacts with the Agency except for occasional visits to Domestic Collection Division offices. He has been in several scrapes with the law, most recently in October 1976 when he was on trial for conspiracy to firebomb several buildings in New Orleans. Mr. Novel has now filed a civil suit claiming alleged violations of his rights and interference with his personal affairs. He is not suing the Agency but he has named Mr. Howard Osborn as a defendant. Mr. Osborn has been in touch with the Office of General Counsel seeking representation by the Justice Department since he feels his being named in the suit probably resulted from his official duties with the Agency.

2. On 27 April 1977 Mr. George Jameson of the Office of General Counsel contacted the undersigned to inquire whether we had a file on Novel and if the file showed any reason why Mr. Novel should have named Mr. Osborn as a defendant in the suit. Mr. Jameson was given a rundown on the nature of the information in Novel's file and was also provided with Mr. Osborn's retirement date, ~~26 February 1974~~ 31 Dec 74. Mr. Jameson mentioned that most of the alleged activities complained about by

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Novel occurred in 1975 and there is no apparent reason for Novel having singled out Mr. Osborn as a defendant. Mr. Jameson also requested traces on two individuals who are alleged to have been involved in this matter--Larry Blanscett and Bridget Pfiffer. He was advised that the Office of Security had no record of either of these individuals.

3. Mr. Jameson indicated that we would probably be receiving a formal request for pertinent information as this case develops, but he merely needed a preliminary reading in order to determine if Mr. Osborn should be defended by the Department of Justice in this litigation. Aside from indexing the names of Blanscett and Pfiffer to Novel's file, no further action is contemplated by the undersigned.

Raymond M. Reardon
Security Analysis Group

cc: Osborn File

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

FROM:	EXTENSION	NO.
Raymond M. Reardon Deputy Chief Security Analysis Group	1468	DATE 14 February 1980

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
1. C/SAG				The attached was prepared based on C/OPS/PSI request that we advise NIS that Subject has never been employed by the CIA. Ray Reardon
2. C/OPS	2/14	2/14	RW	
3. DD/PSI	14 FEB 1980	2/15		For Signature & Release to NIS
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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

15 FEB 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
Naval Investigative Service
Department of the Navy

FROM: William R. Kotapish
Acting Director of Security

SUBJECT: Gordon Novel

Reference is made to your memorandum of transmittal dated 18 January 1980 which forwarded a Naval Investigative Service Operations Report dated 9 January 1980. The report dealt with a contact of your New Orleans Office with one Gordon Novel. According to the report, during his contact Mr. Novel indicated that he had a relationship with the Central Intelligence Agency. This is to advise you that a check of the appropriate records of the Central Intelligence Agency has determined that Mr. Novel is not and has never been an employee of this Agency.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

Edward Jones
for William R. Kotapish

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

ATTENTION : Mr. John K. Greaney

FROM : Edwal Jones
Deputy Director of Security
Personnel Security and Investigations

SUBJECT : Gordon Dwane Novel; Lawrence B. Rohde; Allen D. Bell, Jr.

1. Reference is made to your 20 October 1976 priority request (OGC 76-5787) which asks that the Office of Security search its indices to determine if any of the above-named individuals have ever been employed by the Agency. Reference is further made to our telephonic response to you on 20 October 1976 confirming that none of these individuals have ever been employed by the Agency.

2. This memorandum will serve to confirm the referenced telephonic response. Office of Security indices contain no record in the name of Lawrence B. Rohde, which was also searched in the variation of Lawrence B. Rhode. The Office of Security does maintain files on Gordon Dwane Novel and Allen D. Bell, Jr., and a brief summary of the information contained within these files appears below:

a. <u>Gordon Dwane Novel, SF#S26 113</u>

Mr. Novel has a long history of leaving the impression that he is either employed by or associated with the CIA. Mr. Novel has not, however, ever been an employee of the Agency in any capacity. The Office of Security file on Mr. Novel was established in 1967 by virtue of his involvement with the Garrison investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. During the ensuing period Mr. Novel has both telephoned and written to the

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Agency with various proposals, none of which have been followed-up by the Agency. Most recently, Mr. Novel was in contact with the Domestic Collection Division (DCD) in New Orleans, Louisiana, in October 1975 and February 1976 to volunteer various proposals. Mr. Novel's proposals were rejected by DCD, and Mr. Novel was requested to refrain from future contact with that office.

b. Allen D. Bell, Jr., SF#648 216

Mr. Bell is President of Dektor Counter-intelligence and Security, Incorporated, Springfield, Virginia, and has appeared widely in the news media as a "wiretapping expert," most recently in connection with the Watergate hearings. Mr. Bell has never been employed by the Agency. The Office of Security file on Mr. Bell was established in 1970 based on a request from the Technical Security Division, Directorate of Operations (TSD) for a Contact Security Approval. Cited approval was granted in November 1971, although Mr. Bell's file does not reflect the specific purpose for the request nor if Mr. Bell was actually contacted. Mr. Bell was also of interest to DCD in October 1973; however, the specific purpose of this interest is not contained within Mr. Bell's file.

3. As indicated, a review of our records failed to disclose any indication that Mr. Novel, Mr. Rohde, or Mr. Bell have ever been employed by the Agency in any capacity.

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TO D/Security; D/Personnel
FROM John K. Greaney
SUBJ. Gordon Dwane Novel

DEADLINE--COB 20 Oct 76

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DD/PSI	10/20

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Novel Admitted Bunker Theft, Rhodes Is Told

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New Orleans to Houma at night in a Lincoln automobile owned and driven by Gordon Novel and in a panel truck.

"AFTER ARRIVING at the site of the bunker, which was leased by Schlumberger Well Services Corp., the defendant, Gordon Novel, Sergio Arcacha Smith, David W. Ferrie, and others, unnamed, unlawfully entered it by cutting the lock with a pair of bolt cutters which had been brought along for the purpose.

"After entry into the bunker (they) took various forms of explosives and munitions. Thereafter they returned to the city of New Orleans with the stolen munitions."

The extradition papers also included a photograph of Novel identified by a former girl friend, Marlene Mancuso, 42 Oaklawn dr., Metairie, who had dated Novel in 1961.

THE DOCUMENTS also contain a copy of the simple burglary charge leveled against Novel and Arcacha by the sheriff of Terrebonne Parish. The affidavit was signed by Capt. Bert Boyne.

Meanwhile, the DA's office said a new figure in the investigation scheduled for questioning today was interviewed last night by a Garrison aide.

A DA's office spokesman declined to say what questions were asked or what information was obtained from the man.

He is Juan M. Valdes, a self-described Latin playwright who figured in one of the city's more sensational murders. A subpena was issued for him yesterday.

Valdes in the summer of 1964 discovered the mutilated body of Dr. Mary Stults Sherman, a women physician who occupied the same St. Charles ave. apartment building where the summoned witness lives.

HE WAS investigating smoke coming from the Sherman apartment when he stumbled onto the body. Dr. Sherman's killer, who has never been found, tried to burn the body.

Garrison would not comment on what questions will be asked Valdes.

Another Latin, 30-year-old Carlos Quiroga, spent two hours and ten minutes before the grand jury yesterday and emerged without comment. NR

QUIROGA, a Cuban exile, was once a close friend and associate of a fugitive witness from the Garrison inquiry, 44-year-old Sergio Arcacha Smith.

Novel Admitted Bunker Theft, Rhodes Is Told

An affidavit filed with new extradition papers sent to Columbus, Ohio, claims that Gordon Novel admitted his part in a burglary of a munitions bunker in Houma in 1961.

The new extradition papers were sent to Ohio Gov. James Rhodes as part of Orleans Parish Dist. Attorney Jim Garrison's efforts to bring Novel back to Louisiana on a burglary conspiracy charge.

Garrison wants Novel in connection with his investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

James L. Alcock, an assistant district attorney, said in the affidavit:

"The said Gordon Novel responded to questioning by Jim Garrison, district attorney for the Parish of Orleans, and William Gurvich, investigative aide to Jim Garrison, that he and the parties named herein did in fact commit the conspiracy and burglary outlined above."

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In the body of the affidavit, Alcock declared that Novel, Sergio Arcacha Smith, David W. Ferrie and other unnamed persons "did conspire, agree, and combine to burglarize a munitions bunker located in Houma, La."

He said the conspiracy was entered into in New Orleans at the home of Arcacha.

Alcock said that the men went to Houma on or about Aug. 21, 1961.

"The trip was made from

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Shaw Trial Attorneys Ordered to Keep Quiet

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Criminal District Court Judge Edward Haggerty Jr. today ordered the prosecution and defense in the Clay L. Shaw's Kennedy assassination conspiracy trial to refrain from pre-trial publicity. He told them to quit discussing evidence.

The judge said at a news conference he would invoke the canons of professional ethics "to prevent the flow of prejudicial pre-trial publicity" from either Shaw's attorneys or from Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's staff.

He said the arraignment of Shaw, indicted by the grand jury March 17 on charges of conspiring to assassinate President John F. Kennedy, probably will be held next week.

Haggerty said the same security measures in effect at Shaw's preliminary hearing earlier this month would be used at the arraignment. Reporters needed special credentials to cover the hearing and cameras were barred.

(Meanwhile, Gordon Novel (NB) issued a telephone challenge to Garrison today to prove by lie detector that the probe is not a fraud, United Press International reported.

(Novel, who left New Orleans shortly before the grand jury was to subpoena him last week, would not say where he was calling from. Novel reportedly took a lie detector test in McLean, Va., over the weekend, to back up his charges that the investigation is a fraud.)

Haggerty has said he does not believe the Warren Commission report on the assassination can be admitted as evidence mainly because the commission's witnesses could not be cross-examined.

FIGURE IN CASE FOUND STRICKEN

BISMARCK, N. D. (UPI)—David R. Kroman, (NB) an attorney who had promised to make disclosures about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy at a news conference tonight, was found today partially paralyzed by an apparent epileptic seizure.

Kroman, 43, a onetime lawyer for the Minnesota Insurance Department and an unsuccessful independent Democratic candidate for attorney general in the last Minnesota election, is on trial in U.S. District Court here charged with fraud and conspiracy in the collapse of the American Allied Insurance Co., of St. Paul, Minn.

Kroman had called a news conference for 7 p.m. today when he said he would tell of his private investigation into the assassination of Kennedy.

It was not known what Kroman intended to say. A state highway patrolman found Kroman in his locked car at 4 a.m. 24 miles east of Bismarck. Kroman was paralyzed and incoherent, the policeman said. A loaded shotgun was across the attorney's knees.

Kroman was taken to a Bismarck hospital, where a doctor said Kroman apparently had suffered an epileptic seizure.

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Garrison Seeking Two As Arms Theft Plotters

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison has asked Canadian and Texas authorities to arrest two men charged in an incident which Garrison's office says "may or may not be related" to his probe of the Kennedy assassination.

Garrison telegraphed arrest warrants yesterday to Montreal for Gordon Novel and to Dallas, Tex., for Sergio Arcacha Smith, based on charges of conspiring to burglarize a munitions bunker in 1961.

Garrison obtained a warrant for Novel's arrest last week as a material witness in the probe of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

The new charge accused Novel and Arcacha of conspiring with David W. Ferrie to commit simple burglary of a munitions dump in Houma, about 40 miles southwest of New Orleans.

Garrison has alleged that Ferrie, Lee Harvey Oswald and Clay L. Shaw plotted in mid-September 1963 to kill President Kennedy. Oswald and Ferrie area dead. Shaw, 4, a retired New Orleans executive, has been indicted on a charge of conspiring to kill the president.

The warrants for Novel and Arcacha were signed by Criminal Dist. Court Judge Thomas Brahney, who set bond at $5,000 for each. Novel already had a $50,000 bond awaiting him on the warrant for his arrest as a material witness.

Arcacha, head of the anti-Castro Cuban Revolutionary Council in New Orleans in 1961, said in Dallas he does not know whether he will fight extradition to New Orleans. But he added, "It is a shame that in this country they do this to honest people."

The Shaw case is scheduled for arraignment Wednesday.

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New Orleans Probe Figure In D.C. Area

By United Press International

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Gordon Novel, the "missing witness" in New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of an alleged Kennedy assassination conspiracy, popped up in a Washington suburb yesterday and took a lie detector test on his charge that the Garrison investigation was a "fraud."

The operator of the polygraph test, Lloyd Furr of McLean, Va., said Novel "passed" the lie test. "He showed no deceptions," Furr said.

"Do you honestly believe Garrison's conspiracy prosecution is a fraud," Furr said he asked Novel. "Yes," he said Novel replied.

Novel, a former nightclub operator, left New Orleans shortly before a grand jury investigating the assassination tried to subpoena him.

In New Orleans, Judge Matthew Braniff has issued orders for Novel to post a $50,000 bond as a material witness or be arrested as a fugitive.

Novel's connection with the Garrison investigation has never been precisely spelled out.

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GORDON NOVEL

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OGC 76-5787

20 October 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security
Director of Personnel

FROM : John K. Greaney
Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT : Gordon Dwane Novel

1. Gordon Novel is scheduled for prosecution in New Orleans on 27 October on charges stemming from a conspiracy to firebomb some buildings on Canal Street. He was mentioned extensively in the James Garrison investigation of the Kennnedy assassination in 1967. Subsequently, Novel filed suit against Garrison and later against Playboy Magazine for an article they published which identified Novel as a CIA employee. In 1969 the Agency submitted a certificate signed by the then Director of Personnel, Robert S. Wattles, which certified that Gordon Novel had never been employed by the CIA (copy attached). It may be necessary to submit a new certificate for the upcoming trial in New Orleans. You are requested to search your files to determine whether there is any record of employment.

2. There are two additional defense witnesses that we would appreciate a search as to any employment relationship:

(a) Lawrence B. Rohde
530 "N" Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C.
Employed by: Commonwealth Pug Corporation

(b) Allan D. Bell, Jr.
President, DEKTOR C.I.S. Incorporated
5054 Blue Ridge Avenue
Annandale, Virginia

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It is my understanding that these names have all been traced as a request from the Domestic Collection Division with negative results. However, I would appreciate a written response to those traces by close of business 20 October so that certificates can be prepared.

3. It is possible that a witness from the Office of Personnel may be required to appear in New Orleans as a rebuttal witness to testify that there was no employment relationship with Gordon Dwane Novel, but this is subject to negotiation with the prosecutor.

John K. Greaney

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Enclosures

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

CERTIFICATE

I, Robert S. Wattles, am Director of Personnel for the Central Intelligence Agency, and in that capacity have custody of the personnel records of the Central Intelligence Agency. These personnel records are maintained in the State of Virginia. I have directed that a diligent search of the Central Intelligence Agency personnel records be made to ascertain if Gordon Dwane Novel has ever been employed or considered for employment by the Central Intelligence Agency. The diligent search has been completed and indicates that Gordon Dwane Novel, at his request on 22 December 1967, was interviewed as an applicant for employment by a member of the Office of Personnel, Central Intelligence Agency. The search indicates also that, based on the information supplied at such interview, the interviewer did not recommend employment and his application for employment was not further processed by the Central Intelligence Agency. The personnel records of the Central Intelligence Agency contain no record of employment of Gordon Dwane Novel by the Central Intelligence Agency.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name this 1st day of May, 1969.

Robert S. Wattles
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Director of Personnel
Central Intelligence Agency

STATE OF VIRGINIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1969.

Isabel M. Peterson
Notary Public

My commission expires My commission expires 24 September 1969.

(SEAL)

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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Robert S. Wattles, whose certificate is attached hereto, was at the date thereof custodian of the personnel records of the Central Intelligence Agency. In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Central Intelligence Agency to be affixed at Fairfax County, in the State of Virginia, this 2d day of May, 1969.

(SEAL)

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Mr. [Swann:] At the request of Helen, Mr. Kuhn's office, Policy Coordination Staff, ext 1623, I asked for a name trace and the files on the following, and gave your name:

Mistretta, Vincent
b. 13 Jan. 1913, Brooklyn NY
FBI has a continuing investigation on Subject who has been interviewed and advised of contacts with CIA between 1970 and 1975. He named two people: 6 [R.T. Conway] and a Dr. Jerry Berger. They--the FFBI--want to know if we have these people or any information on this man.

SRD is sending file on Mistretta, covert subject 857074; has nothing on Dr. Jerry Berger; there are three files which suggest the [R.T. Conway]: 6 two on 6 [Robert Conways] one of which is a retired file, and one on a ["Red" Conway]. 6

Do you want any or all of those?

Novel, Gordon Michael
b. 7 Feb. 1938 in San Antonio, Texas
Lives in Houston, Tex. at 414 Baywood Paced Drive.

FBI has an active investigation on the Subject and they disseminated a memo dated May 27, 1976 on the Subject but it may or may not have come to Security. SRD is sending his file up.

jane macauley

Oct. 12, 1976

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Copy to file & Gordon Novel -

TO : Chief, Security Research Staff, OS
ATTN : Mr. Bruce Solie

DATE: 18 April 1967

FROM : Director, Domestic Contact Service (Services Division)

SUBJECT: District Attorney Garrison's Investigation Into Alleged Conspiracy to Assassinate President Kennedy -- NO-112-67

REFER : DCS Memoranda dated 6 and 11 April 1967, Same Subject

1. The enclosed self-explanatory memorandum and attachment from our New Orleans Office may be of interest.

2. Copies of the enclosures and the newsclippings mentioned have also been forwarded to Mr. Joseph Goodwin. We regret that we are unable to furnish your Office with copies of the clippings and suggest that you coordinate with Mr. Goodwin if they are of interest to you.

3. Any questions pertaining to this memorandum should be directed to Mrs. Virginia L. Thorne, Extension 2738.

for Virginia L. Thorne

B. FRANK YOUNG
Chief, Services Division

Enclosures: As stated above

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Memorandum

NO-112-67

TO : Director, Domestic Contact Service DATE: 28 March 1967

FROM : Chief, New Orleans Office

SUBJECT: District Attorney Garrison's Investigation into Alleged Conspiracy to Assassinate President Kennedy

1. I enclose herewith a memo from Dorothy A. Brandao to me concerning a news broadcast on Saturday, 25 March 1967, in which CIA is mentioned. I also enclose two clippings from the New Orleans Times-Picayune, dated 26 and 27 March 1967, which refer to a lie detector test administered to one Gordon Novel in McLean, Virginia.

2. I was out of town on Saturday, 25 March 1967, and did not hear the news broadcast referred to in Mrs. Brandao's memo.

Lloyd A. Ray
LLOYD A. RAY

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Encl. — to Mr. Goodwin, 3 Apr 67.

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Memo for Mr. Ray:

In Channel 6's news broadcast at 6-6:30 PM, Saturday, 25 March 1967, the local newscaster announced that NBC had located Gordon Novel and had interviewed him in "Washington." The film then switched to a front view of Novel seated in an armchair and showing him answering questions posed by someone off camera. (a) The latter asked if Garrison had promised Novel anything in exchange for his testimony. Novel said that Garrison had asked him if he needed money and had volunteered to give him whatever financial assistance he needed. (b) The interviewer asked what was Garrison's motive in prosecuting the case. Novel eventually said that it was purely political. But before that, he said that Garrison reminded him of Huey Long and of Dr. Goebbels, from what he had read. The interviewer asked this question a second time, couching it in somewhat different terms - what did Garrison hope to accomplish, what was his motive. Novel said that that was a matter of conjunction (conjecture), that he might ---- bring in CIA ------.

At the conclusion of the Washington interview, the film returned to the local newscaster. The latter stated that NBC had informed the NO station that Novel had submitted to a polygraph test in connection with the interview and "had passed it."

The attached clippings from the 26 and 27 March issues of the Times-Picayune do not mention the substance of the NBC interview. These articles refer to NBC's having contacted Novel in McLean, Virginia, rather than Washington, D.C.

26 March 1967
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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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Gordon NOVEL

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[George N. Swann] 3 OS:SSD:OSB 4E27	5365	526113 DATE 1 September 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : George N. Swann
Operations Support Branch/OS

SUBJECT : Gordon NOVEL
SFN 526113

1. On 31 August 1976, Major Robert Foster, Defense Intelligence Agency (telephone 11-50418), contacted Mr. Robert Hopkins, Office of Security Liaison Officer, seeking information concerning Subject. He explained that the Subject, while residing in a local motel, had been overheard in a telephone conversation with a girl. They discussed large amounts of money with the indication it was illegally obtained. Also, in this discussion, Subject mentioned that due to this girl's information, he was arrested by the CIA in February 1976.

2. On 1 September 1976, Major Foster was contacted by the undersigned and advised that the CIA had knowledge of the Subject, but that he had never in any way been connected with the CIA nor had we ever arrested him. Major Foster was informed that the Subject has a long history of impersonating CIA agents or abusing the CIA's name during his activities. It was explained that based on our information, Subject appeared to be somewhat irrational.

3. Major Foster advised that he also felt the Subject was a "nut" and appreciated the information offered by the CIA.

George N. Swann
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No further action believed necessary.
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8 April 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations Support Branch

SUBJECT : Gordon Novel
#526 113

REFERENCES : Domestic Collections Division Memoranda
dated 25 February 1976 & 1 March 1976

1. According to the referenced Domestic Collections Division (DCD) memoranda, the New Orleans DCD Office had considered proposals from Subject in October 1975 and on 9 February 1976 which were rejected. During the last contact, the DCD representative requested Subject not contact him again.

2. DCD requested Office of General Counsel (OGC) guidance if they should be contacted by the press concerning Subject's arrest for conspiring to detonate incendiary devices in a downtown New Orleans building. OGC recommended that they acknowledge receiving a proposal from Novel which had been rejected. DCD was also informed that Subject had never been employed by the Agency, with the understanding that this might also be made known to any inquiring reporters or United States Attorney. DCD stated that they were pleased with this guidance, since it allowed them to respond candidly to any immediate inquiries and also serves to disassociate the Agency from the difficulties in which Subject now finds himself. It appears that the only action taken in this case is the OGC guidance supplied to DCD and the only CIA interest in Subject is based on his contact with the New Orleans DCD Office.

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Subject has had no association w/ CIA, but has been of past peripheral interest to DCD in light of his notoriety in the Garrison case. No action necessary in OSB. [illegible] C/OSB

Noted: close case JWK DC/SSD

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Remarks:

According to DCD memo dtd ~~1 March 1976~~ 25 Feb 76 and 1 March 76 ~~they had~~ the New Orleans DCD office had considered a proposal from NOVEL in Oct 75 and 9 Feb 76, which [illegible] ~~at which time~~ the DCD representative advised NOVEL not to contact him again.

DCD requested OGC ~~guid~~ guidance if any media enquiries should materialize and ~~they~~ it was recommended ~~that~~ they acknowledge they had received a proposal from NOVEL and had rejected it. DCD was also informed that ~~[illegible]~~ NOVEL had never been employed by the Agency.

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SUBJECT: (Optional)

NOVEL, Gordon

FROM:	EXTENSION	NO.
DCD Security Liaison Officer Room 806B Key Building	2738	526 113 DATE 23 March 1976

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
1. CD/I&C Branch, OS ATTN: Sarah K. Hall, CD/5 Room 3E36 Headquarters	3/24/76	3/29/76	skh	REF: DCD/NO 42-76 and 43-76 Copies of the referenced memoranda and attachments are forwarded for your information. Anne Redman
2. C/SS		29 Mar 76		
3. ADC/I&CB		3/29/76		
C/ICB		3/29/76		
4. DC/CD		3/30		
5. C/CD		3/30/76		
6. DC/SSD (4E-33 Hqs)		3/31/76	JWK	FYI - Subject was in touch with OCD New Orleans Office - Oct 75 - Feb 76. Request for NAC's were submitted or guidance could have been given OCD. skh
7. C/SSD		3/31/76		
8. C/OSB Action		1 Apr		Mr. Greene #8 - Determine what action is being requested and what is CIA interest in Novel matter C/SSD - RN Long 3/31/76
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NO-42-76
25 February 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Gordon Novel's Arrest on Bomb Conspiracy Charges/Claim of CIA Association

REF : (a) NO-39-76 dated 20 February 1976, Subject: Gordon Novel
(b) [Houck] Watts Telecon of 24 February 1976, Same Subject
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1. The US Attorney in New Orleans, Gerald Gallinghouse, called the New Orleans Resident Office on 24 February 1976 to advise me that Gordon M. D. Novel had been arrested by agents of the US Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau (ATF) for conspiring to detonate incendiary devices in a downtown New Orleans building on Mardi Gras, 2 March 1976. Novel had apparently described such a plot in a conversation he unwittingly held with an undercover ATF agent.

2. I confirmed to Gallinghouse that I had had a number of contacts with Novel since October 1975 concerning a proposal which Novel had offered for CIA consideration. I told Gallinghouse that the proposal had been rejected by the Agency, but that I had again seen Novel on 9 February 1976 to accept additional material in support of his proposal. At that time, I also asked Novel not to contact me again. I assured Gallinghouse that at no time had Novel been an Agency employee, nor had he ever had any formal relationship with the Agency. Gallinghouse thanked me for explaining the nature of our relationship with Novel, and he suggested that he might recontact me later if necessary for more details.

3. In the referent telecon, I briefed the Deputy Chief of Operations, Ed Watts, on the development and asked him how I should respond if Gallinghouse sought access to the office file on Novel. Mr. Watts recommended that I try to avoid giving the US Attorney direct access to the file, but that if Gallinghouse should ask to review the file, I should refer the request to Headquarters for resolution.

4. Mrs. Gordon Novel called shortly after my conversation with Messrs. Gallinghouse and Watts. She said that her husband had asked her to call me to insure that federal authorities were aware that her husband had been actively discussing a proposal for the Agency with me. Mrs. Novel said that her husband had been denied bond, and that he hoped his contacts with a DCD officer might somehow convince federal authorities that he could be safely released on bond after all. Otherwise, she said, he might be detained through the Mardi Gras holiday as a precaution. She assured me that Novel had made no effort to persuade the authorities that he is a CIA officer or employee.

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5. So far, there has been no publicity given to Novel's arrest or the charges against him. We will continue to monitor the situation for any further developments suggesting a formal relationship between the Agency and Novel.

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[PETER HOUCK]

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cc: DCD, Deputy Chief of Operations (Watts)
DCD, OSG/OSB [(Hale)] 3
DCD, Information Control Branch

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NO-43-76
1 March 1976

Chief, Domestic Collection Division
ATTN : Deputy Chief of Operations (Ed Watts)

Chief, Dallas Office/
New Orleans Resident Office

Gordon Novel

REF : (a) [Houck]/Watts and Greaney/[Houck] telecons of 1 March 1976
(b) NO-42-76 dated 25 February 1976, Same Subject

1. Attached are copies of two local news items concerning the recent arrest of Gordon Novel for the illegal possession of an explosive device and for conspiracy to bomb several buildings in downtown New Orleans. In the article dated 1 March and in recent television news coverage of the affair, Novel has been quoted as saying that he is involved in an important US Government intelligence project and is in frequent contact with an official of the Defense Department. As we reported in the referent memo, Novel told the US Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau (ATF) agents who arrested him that he was working on a CIA project, a claim he said they could verify by calling the New Orleans Resident Officer.

2. So far, there have been no public statements linking Novel's recent activities to the Agency. In the referent telecons, however, we requested guidance in responding to any media inquiries which might materialize. John Greaney, Office of General Counsel, recommended that we acknowledge, if asked, that Novel had offered the Agency a proposal which had subsequently been rejected. Mr. Greaney also confirmed that Novel has never been employed by the Agency, a fact which we might also make known to any inquiring reporters or to the US Attorney, if necessary. We are pleased with this guidance, since it allows us to respond candidly to any media inquiries, and it also serves to disassociate the Agency from the difficulties in which Novel now finds himself.

3. We will keep you informed of any further developments in this matter which relate to the Agency or to our contacts with Novel.

J. WALTON MOORE

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Attachment: As stated

cc: Office of General Counsel (John Greaney)
✓SCD/OSG/OSB [Craig Hale]

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Monday, March 1, 1976 The States-Item New Orleans

Novel claims Defense tie

Businessman Gordon Novel, accused of plotting to firebomb downtown buildings during Carnival, claims he is involved in an "enormous project" with "a gentleman in the Defense Department."

Asked if the "enormous project" was linked to his arrest, Novel said, "Well, something is behind this. I think I know what it is but I would rather not say."

Novel, identified as a financial consultant with the Langford Land Co. here whose name surfaced nine years ago in former Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probes, made his comments during a weekend jailhouse interview.

Novel was arrested Feb. 21 and charged with possessing a destructive device. He has been held without bond since then, pending a hearing Wednesday.

Affidavits filed in federal court allege that Novel tried to hire an undercover federal agent to firebomb five buildings during Mardi Gras, when large crowds would hamper firemen. Novel called the charge "insane."

"It's so insane that the government realizes the only way that it can make a case is to allege that I'm insane," he said. Novel said he was willing to take a lie detector test and to submit to questioning under truth serum.

He said he has been "deeply involved" in "counter-intelligence" operations in the past, but did not elaborate.

"I know enough about the intelligence community to one day play a major political role in it," Novel said.

IN 1963, Garrison accused Novel of conspiring with a Cuban refugee to steal explosives from an oil company storage site. Garrison's investigation linked Lee Harvey Oswald, the President's accused assassin, with a vaguely defined Cuban liberation movement.

Novel sued Garrison for $50 million, claiming his reputation had been damaged but the suit was later dropped.

Asked if the current charges bore any relation to the assassination probe, Novel's lawyer, Servando C. Garcia III, said: "It's a mistake. It's not related to anything."

"We absolutely plan to plead him innocent and put on a defense," Garcia said. "The facts the U.S. Attorney has can be explained."

Prosecutors allege that Novel tried to hire undercover agent W. Lloyd Grafton to firebomb several downtown buildings at the height of Tuesday's Mardi Gras celebration, when fire trucks would be hampered by crowds.

AGENTS REPORTED seizing a can of alcohol, balloons, gunpowder, fuses and matches from Novel's office on the 40th floor of a downtown building, along with diagrams of the buildings involved.

"That's absolutely untrue," Novel said in the television interview. "They found nothing when they searched my office."

Documents filed in federal court indicated Novel, a real estate financial consultant, was "having a few problems" with some of the downtown property which was supposedly the intended target of the firebombing.

Garcia said he hoped to have his client released on bond at Wednesday's hearing. He said there was no reason to keep Novel in jail indefinitely.

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Gordon Novel Seized

By ED ANDERSON

New Orleans businessman Gordon Novel remained in federal custody Friday on charges of possessing "a destructive device" in connection with an alleged plot to firebomb and destroy in succession "several" buildings in the Central Business District during the height of Carnival festivities.

Documents in federal court here reveal that Novel — identified as a financial consultant with the Langford Land Co. — was having "a few problems with some of the property located within the (downtown) project area. . ."

Although no formal motive for the alleged planned bombings was given, sources said that Novel was trying to obtain the properties.

The only building cited by the court documents as a target for the alleged attacks was the Federation of Churches Building, located at 330 St. Charles Ave.

The sources said the bombs were never planted in the five downtown buildings and Novel — a figure in ex-Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of the late President Kennedy — was arrested Feb. 21.

He is now being held without bond as a federal inmate at the New Orleans Police Department's House of Detention.

The court papers also indicate Novel tried to hire undercover agent W. Lloyd Grafton of the U.S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) as the person to carry out the plan.

Sources said the plan was "to firebomb the buildings in sequence" during parade times "when the fire department equipment could not be brought into the Central Business District. . ." One source said the plan "was to put them (bombs) off in sequence . . . one after the other."

The dates and other locations of the four buildings allegedly targeted for the attacks were not given.

The documents, however, said the buildings were located in a three-block area of the One Shell Square Building on Poydras Street.

Novel's request for a bond hearing

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was con[illegible]ed Friday by U.S. Magistrate Inga[illegible]d O. Johannesen until 4 p.m. next Wednesday.

The complaint against Novel claims that when the defendant was arrested last week, he was in possession of "an incendiary device," consisting of a can of alcohol, balloons, a can of black powder, timed fuses and other equipment.

Also confiscated, according to sources, were maps and diagrams of the buildings to be hit.

Novel was arrested after ATF agents learned the device was not registered.

The court documents also claim that although Novel was unaware Grafton was an undercover federal agent, he tried to hire Grafton for the plan at $1,000 and a year's free rent in an apartment.

Reportedly, Novel and two other men were supposed to meet with Gov. Edwin Edwards last Saturday in Baton Rouge to discuss the possibilities of getting a world's fair for New Orleans.

"I had a luncheon scheduled (last) Saturday at the mansion with some people to talk about the exposition," the governor said. "But the name Novel doesn't ring a bell.

"Only one man showed up Saturday. He said the others couldn't make it and asked if we could re-schedule the meeting. I didn't even ask why they couldn't make it. . ."

An aide to the governor said the governor's office was trying to determine if one of the three men was Novel.

He said records of the appointment show only the time and subject matter of the meeting.

The aide added that Novel may have been one of the three, but he could not be certain.

According to the documents, the ATF Bureau received information "from a confidential informant" of the alleged plan.

Grafton, posing as a prospective "hit man," made arrangements to discuss the plans with Novel on Feb. 4.

The affidavit for a search warrant — signed by Johannesen — said Grafton was told by Novel that Novel "had several buildings he wanted destroyed in the New Orleans, La. area. . . ."

The papers also show that on Feb. 6, Grafton met Novel at Novel's home, 1718 Lakeshore Drive, where Novel allegedly said "he had made a firebomb for an individual to burn the first building he wanted destroyed, but that man failed to do the job. . . ."

The identity of that person was not revealed in the documents.

Novel said he "had a few problems with some of the property located within the (downtown) project area and that was where Grafton would come in . . .," according to the affidavit.

The documents showed that Grafton met Novel again at his Plaza Tower office on Feb. 11 [illegible]d the two "discussed the firebombin[illegible] five buildings within the downtown area."

At that time, according to the documents, Novel allegedly showed Grafton the equipment as well as what Novel supposedly described as "illegal wiretapping equipment."

At that meeting, the papers claim, Novel allegedly agreed to give Grafton "the contract" to destroy the five buildings.

That same day, the documents indicate, Novel supposedly pointed out the first building targeted for the alleged attack, and later took Grafton to "the building located between St. Charles and Camp Street."

According to the papers, Novel allegedly explained to Grafton "how difficult it would be to get inside the building."

At another meeting Feb. 13 between the two in Novel's office, the documents said, Novel drew a diagram of the first targeted building which was described as being "accross the street from One Shell Square."

Presumably, that building was the Greater Federation of Churches Building.

On that same date, the records allege, Novel told Grafton "the fire should be on the second floor in order for the roof and floor to burn completely."

It was then, according to the affidavit, that Grafton agreed to the plan for $1,000 and the free apartment.

According to the records, Novel also presented Grafton a notebook, containing "a plan project of approximately three blocks near the One Shell Square Building" which was also to be part of the alleged scheme.

After their series of meetings Novel was arrested by the ATF agents Feb. 20.

Novel was denied bail the next day and the government — led by Asst. U.S. Atty. Al Winters — was granted a motion that Novel be examined by a psychiatrist to determine his competency in the proceedings.

Defense attorney Servando C. "Sonny" Garcia III — a law partner of Municipal Court Judge Eddie Sapir, has urged that bond be set for his client.

In documents filed with the court Garcia called Novel "a man well respected in the community" who is "regularly employed as a financial consultant," and a family man.

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SUBJECT: (Optional)

Gordon NOVEL, aka: Gordon Novel Rose, Gordon Michael Duane Novel, Godfrey N. Rose

FROM:	EXTENSION	NO.
DCD Security Liaison Officer Room 806 B Key Building	2738	DATE 15 August 1975

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
1. CD/I&C Branch, OS ATTN: Sarah K. Hall, CD/5 Room 3E36 Headquarters	8/20/75	8/22/75	skh	REF: DCD/CLV-121-75 dtd 17 July 75
2. AC/SS		8/22/75	GM	Referenced memorandum with attachments is forwarded for your information and records. Please note marked portions on pages 2 and 3 of attachment #2.
3. AC/ICB		8/25/75	[illegible]	
4. C/SSD (4E-33 Hqs.)		8/26/75	JWK	
5. C/OSB		8/26/75	JWG	Anne Redman
6. FILE				4. Files on Gordon Novel - 526113 and on Noah Dietrich - 429052 - attached. skh
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

CLV-121-75

TO : Chief, Domestic Collection Division
ATTN: Information Control Branch (Redman)

DATE: 17 July 1975

FROM : Chief, Detroit Field Office
BY : Robert B. Noble, Cleveland Resident Office

SUBJECT: Correspondence of Possible Interest to Office of Security

REF : Durbin/Noble Telecon, 17 July 1975

1. On 15 July 1975, an agent of the Cleveland FBI contacted the Cleveland Resident Office concerning the attached correspondence. The Bureau had received the letters the same day, and because there were several references to the Agency, the agent thought that our office should be informed. Copies of the correspondence are attached for your information and retention.

2. The FBI agent who discussed this matter with us stated that he had been told that the author of the four-page letter was a "professional wiretapper", had previously been convicted to transporting illegal wiretap equipment across state lines (into Nevada), and was suspected of illegally obtaining and selling "classified information". Cleveland FBI plans no action at this time other than further investigatory work on the individual.

3. The Cleveland RO plans to do absolutely nothing about this matter other than forwarding the information to Headquarters. The agent was informed of and agreed to this course of action, he was thanked for his concern and the matter was dropped.

Robert J. Lavey

ROBERT J. LAVEY

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COPIES TO: Mr. D. R. McCurdy
District Manager-Corporate Security
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Mr. J. B. Heil, Jr.
Staff Supervisor-Security
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Washington, D.C. 20006

Mr. G. A. Larkin
General Security Manager
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
1010 Pine Street, Room 1030
Saint Louis, Missouri 63101

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James M. Vaughan, Jr.
Security Manager

Southwestern Bell
P. O. Box 5521
Dallas, Texas 75222
Phone (214) 747-5311 Ext. 3354

July 9, 1975

Mr. J. F. Doherty
Director-Corporate Security
American Telephone & Telegraph Co.
195 Broadway, Room 2005
New York, New York 10007

Re: Gordon Michael Duane Novel, aka
Gordon Novel, Gordon Novel Rose,
G. N. Rose, Godfrey N. Rose
MI
Dallas Area File: 25-169-D

Dear Mr. Doherty:

Enclosed is a Xerox copy of a letter received by special messenger on July 7, 1975, from Gordon Novel, making certain demands on Southwestern Bell, AT&T and companies serving Columbus, Ohio, Reno, Nevada and Washington, D. C. (See page 4, paragraph 3)

Mr. Novel's letter has been reviewed by our company Legal Department and a decision has been made not to reply in writing. Mr. Horak, the manager handling Novel's account, is to contact Novel and advise him verbally that his letter has been referred to higher management, and that copies of this letter have been forwarded to the telephone companies serving the cities he mentioned for any action they deem appropriate. Mr. Novel's propensity for filing suit was one of the main considerations for choosing this course of action.

Should any of the recipients of this letter decide to contact or write Novel I would appreciate being notified prior to your doing so. Our Legal Department wants to be kept abreast of any response made to his demands as it might affect the company's course of action.

Very truly yours,

Original Signed By
James M. Vaughan, Jr.

Enclosure

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3170 Royal Lane
Dallas, Texas
July 6, 1975

Mr. James Horak, Manager
Mr. Jim Vaughn, Security Supervisor
Mr. Carleton C. Wright, Jr., Security Supervisor
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
308 South Akard Street
Room 1103
Dallas, Texas 75202

Gentlemen:

Due to the rapidly accelerating national sensitivity of my historical personal interests, as well as the magnitude of political, intelligence and financial involvements for which I am legally responsible to my associates, I deem it wise to contact your office for the following reasons:

It is imperative that your files be revised in order to cease reflecting purposeful disinformation, slanderous irregularities and obvious inconsistencies about my activities. This data has been maliciously accumulated by your business and security offices during the past seven years while illegally intruding and interfering in highly sensitive industrial and political counterintelligence research in which I was involved. To accomplish this, A. T. & T. has used misrepresentation and a fraudulent legal technicality covering "anticipated" financial loss to the phone company. (My phone bills have always been paid promptly.)

The police tactics used by your offices--harrassment, intimidation, threats, extortionary demands--have been verified throughout Texas and in Washington, D. C. However, the highly sensitive nature of the work in which we are currently involved could, conceivably, pose a threat to national security because of this invasion of privacy where our phone calls are concerned.

Attachment #2

My associates and I are currently involved with:

1) The House and Senate investigations of the federal intelligence community, i.e. domestic assassinations and Watergate Tape related matters;

2) Technical and political research and communication assistance for the National Wiretap Commission (Title-3 Oversight);

3) Communications and business matters related to CIA, concerning recent meetings I attended in Paris, France, with high-level Soviet Aerospace, Trade and Communications officials;

4) A joint research study and military weapons marketing project for the Department of Defense;

5) A research study project for N.A.S.A. on an extremely advanced Top Secret Space Propulsion and Vehicular Design System;

6) Extensive pre-production research for a pro-CIA TV-film series in Hollywood;

7) Exclusive long-term research and development, including projected investment costs, in the Department of Transportations' $20-billion T.F.C. network plans;

8) Research and mortgage-investment development in a $70-million office and hotel complex in downtown New Orleans, Louisiana;

9) Personal, legal and security responsibility for the imminent settlement of the $50-million litigation between Messrs. Howard Hughes and Noah Dietrich;

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10) Current interest in the acquisition of a major D-FW region aerospace and manufacturing concern;

11) The distinct possibility that I will be selected by the President of the United States as the next Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The foregoing projects, and our involvement with them, can be verified and will be verified if the activities of which I am complaining do not cease immediately.

Relative to the recent meeting in my private study at my Dallas residence, July 2, 1975, I have reviewed my records and do not find a willing nor direct acknowledgment of the R. B McMasters billing responsibility, alleged by Mr. Horak in his letter of the same date, written on plain watermarked stationery bearing questionable signature. That purportedly official telephone company document claims that I owe your company $1,041.42. I deny any responsibility for the reason that Mr. McMasters personally effected the installation of the phone at 3055 Leahy (243-6382), in his name and as an officer of the now-defunct Genesis Corporation. I have caused approximately $20,000 to be paid to Mr. McMasters, privately and corporately, for his unsuccessful business ventures and I have no intention of assuming responsibility for something else I do not owe in Mr. McMasters behalf. He and the Genesis Corporation were personally and corporately responsible for the bills for that phone and I am certain your records will reflect same.

My records reflect that hundreds of vindictive, disparaging and slanderous long-distance telephone calls were placed by your company's collection operators alleging that I did owe the bill. These calls caused me and my associates severe personal and financial damages. I demand that the mistake be corrected in writing. I will furnish you the list of names and addresses.

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Relative to the telephone number at 3170 Royal Lane, 214 358-2802, I acknowledge that G. N. Rose and Gordon Novel are one and the same person. I am certain that you have been aware of this for many months. My family and my attorney assure me that Gordon Novel is the legally incorrect one. Since I have lived 37 years as Gordon Novel, I do not wish to have it changed in court to suit some idiosyncrasy of your legal department.

The bills for this number are current and have been promptly paid, in cash, on time since it was installed last year. Your inconsistent--off again, on again--policy, and now escalating deposit demands, are probably negotiable, but only in accordance with the following terms:

Upon instructions from my attorneys, I am formally demanding that your office and A.T.&T. furnish written assurance, in affidavit form, that neither your Dallas office nor its Columbus, Ohio, Reno, Nevada, and Washington, D. C., counterparts has at any time within the past seven years surreptitiously intercepted or monitored by wire any aural conversation of Gordon Novel/G. N. Rose without the authorization of a Federal, State or Judicial Municipality Legal Court Order, in accord with the provisions of Title-III of the Omnibus Crime Bill of 1968.

If such legal written assurance is not forthcoming from your office within seven (7) working days, we have instructed our Washington, D. C., attorneys to file appropriate federal civil actions personally against some individual security and management officials and against Southwestern Bell and A.T.&T.

I further request that the outgoing call service at 214 358-2802 be temporarily suspended, but that incoming

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calls be allowed to accumulate on the Dictaphone Ansaphone and GTS coupling service you recently installed and for which I was charged.

In the event you do not wish to honor your tariff regulations and community service responsibilities, available to other customers, you are then requested to suspend, until further notice from either our attorneys or from me, the paid-for service and notify all callers, including A.T.&T. executives with whom I am currently involved, that the party (i.e. Gordon Novel/G. N. Rose) can be reached at 214 358-5353 or 522-1323. Any other action will be answered by injunctive litigation.

These security measures are being taken at great inconvenience to a number of people. I am certain you understand by now that I am very serious about the matters discussed in this letter.

Sincerely,

Gordon Novel Rose

Gordon Novel Rose
Senior Associate
NOAH DIETRICH & ASSOCIATES

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Laser to Destroy Tapes Was Eyed

By Jack Anderson

Former presidential aide Charles Colson once considered firing a high-voltage Buck Rogers-style cannon at the White House to erase the taped conversations of Richard Nixon.

Such a mission impossible would have wiped out the evidence on the White House tapes which led to Mr. Nixon's resignation. Colson, however, contends he never seriously pondered putting the scheme into action.

Despite this denial, Colson did meet twice with an industrial research consultant, Gordon Novel, and discussed the possibility of using an experimental "degaussing cannon" to fire a gigantic magnetic pulse at the White House tape storage room. A rough design of the ray gun, named after a magnetic measurement, was even drawn up.

"Novel talked about driving by the White House and demagnetizing all the tapes," Colson told us from prison through friends. "It was something that he said would fire three blocks."

Novel, who is also an electronics expert, told us he was visiting Colson in March on an unrelated legal matter when the talk turned to the tapes.

Colson, he said, told him tapes at the White House and the CIA "could cause the President grief." Novel mentioned the "degaussing cannon" and Colson urged him to look into it. Colson insists he gave the consultant "no encouragement."

Novel, however, obviously thought he had a mandate from Colson. He journeyed to El Paso, Tex., and spoke with Jack Prentice, innovative research and design chief for Jetco, Inc. Jetco already was marketing a metal detector using "degaussing" principles.

Prentice told Novel, and confirmed to us, that he had built a prototype cannon and could construct an operational one for $25,000 to $30,000. Prentice believed that because the tapes belonged to the President, there would be no crime in erasing them if Colson, acting for the President, okayed it.

The Jetco specialist drew up a simple plan for the "degaussing cannon," using capacitors, a switch, a parabolic reflector and a special heat resistent coil. The electronic artillery piece could be housed in a van, or mounted in a light plane or helicopter.

On March 21, Novel wrote Colson that he would "forward by hand courier the known facts on the El Paso erasure matter," the code name for the "degausser."

Shortly thereafter, the industrial consultant flew to Washington again and talked to one of this area's best known electronics men, Allan Bell, president of Dektor Counterintelligence and Security. Bell threw cold water on the mission, calling it "iffy" and "impractical."

At its best, advised Bell, the bizarre device would obliterate a few layers of tape, leaving the rest intact. At worst, it would destroy huge quantities of other taped material and scramble all computer "memories" in its path.

One part of the scheme was to bombard the CIA—and the irresistible jolt of magnetism might blot out priceless files of Russian and Chinese agents and other espionage and security matters.

In his report to Colson, Novel said hiding in the heavy woods near the CIA, or "degaussing" the tapes from the tank-van while they were in transport, offered a better chance of success than magnetically bombarding the CIA or the White House from a plane.

But as Novel recalls it, he and Colson mutually decided not to pursue the plan because of its danger to national security tapes and computers near the target tapes.

Colson scoffs at the idea that the magnetic beam ever came that close to development. "I laughed at it," he said. "It was a little bit of comic relief." But Mr. Nixon might have had fears Colson would be a sucker for just such farout ideas. In the transcripts, Nixon said Colson "loves the action . . . Colson would do anything."

Footnote: Colson and Novel also discussed a caper to patch H. R. Haldeman's voice onto a tape along with an actor who would imitate President Nixon and make false confessions. The fake tape would be sent with a phony authenticating note from an allegedly disgruntled Secret Service man to the Senate Watergate committee which, Colson surmised, would leak it. Then he and Novel would reveal the tape was fraudulent and the hoax would tend to discredit the whole case against Mr. Nixon. Colson said it was true he discussed this idea. "Wouldn't that be a great gag!" his statement said.

Baker's Bombshell—Bobby Baker, the former Senate aide who went to prison in a celebrated scandal of the early 1960s, has completed more than half of a book that will embarrass some present senators.

Now a successful businessman, Baker insists he isn't writing a cruel book about those who condemned him. Indeed, the book will contain many warm anecdotes about prominent political figures.

But the book will charge that Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), now the Senate's "Mr. Clean," twisted arms for political funds when he was the Republican Senate campaign chairman.

Baker will chide the present apostle of political reform, Sen. Sam Ervin (D-N.C.) for voting consistently against reform in times past.

Baker also will point out that Sen. Carl Curtis (R-Neb.), who saw no great wrong in President Nixon's conduct, lashed out against the Democrats involved in the comparatively small-potatoes Baker case.

The former Senate boy wonder hopes to publish his book after the din of Watergate dies down.

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Walter Sheridan — Democrats' Investigator? or Republicans' Countermeasure?

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"The NBC broadcast of June 19, 1967" put on by Walter Sheridan "will probably stand for years as a symbol of the lengths to which some powerful outside interests will go in order to interfere with state government."

Walter Sheridan has recently been hired by the Democratic National Committee to head their investigation of the Watergate bugging caper. In view of the importance of this assignment, it would seem worthwhile to examine Mr. Sheridan's performance in past investigations.

"Getting" Hoffa, and False Testimony

Walter Sheridan first came into national prominence in 1961 when he spearheaded Robert Kennedy's drive against Jimmy Hoffa, during Robert's tenure as Attorney General. Sheridan pursued a relentless, no mercy shown, course of action to "get Hoffa", and get him he did. In the course of this crusade, some rather dubious techniques were used; which later came back to haunt Mr. Sheridan. The prime example was the "uncovering" of a key witness against Hoffa, one Grady Partin of New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Partin was some years later accused by a grand jury of giving false testimony against Hoffa.

> **The Watergate Incident**
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> On June 17 at 2:30 a.m., five men were arrested in the offices of the Democratic National Committee in the Watergate Hotel, Washington, D.C. They had broken into the office, and were found with electronic surveillance devices, cameras for photographing documents, etc; they were wearing surgical rubber gloves. They were arrested by police.
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> These five men were James W. McCord, Jr., Bernard L. Barker, Frank Sturgis, Eugenio R. Martinez, and Virgilio R. Gonzales.
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> Their connections reach to the Republican Party, the Committee to Re-Elect the President, President Richard M. Nixon, the Central Intelligence Agency, and other persons and organizations.
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> Beginning in August 1972, "Computers and Automation" has been publishing articles on the Watergate Incident and its ramifications, because of the threat that this incident represents to democracy in the United States, and the importance of seeking the truth about it and pinning down the responsibility for it.

"Getting" Garrison

Mr. Sheridan's most notable performance came in 1967 and '68 when he was an executive producer for NBC-TV news. Sheridan produced a one-hour NBC special on Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy and the trial of Clay Shaw for conspiracy to murder the President. The program, broadcast on June 19, 1967, was a highly biased, provably dishonest, personally vindictive, attack on Garrison defending Shaw. The Shaw trial did not take place until February, 1969, a year and a half later.

Arrest by Garrison and Indictment by Grand Jury

Walter Sheridan was arrested by Garrison on July 7, 1967, following the NBC Special, and indicted by a grand jury on two counts. The first was attempted bribery and intimidation of a witness. Rick Townley of station WDSU, the NBC affiliate in New Orleans, was arrested and indicted with Sheridan on the same charges. The federal government, especially the Justice Department, made sure that Garrison was never able to bring Sheridan and Townley to trial. The indictments are still open.

If the Sheridan trial ever does take place, the conviction should not be too difficult. Here are the facts, as reported by both New Orleans newspapers, the Times Picayune and the States Item, in 1967 and summarized in "The Kennedy Conspiracy" by Paris Flammonde, Meredith Press, 1969.

Sheridan and Townley, having been assigned by NBC to cover the Garrison-Shaw case, became personally and directly involved. The indictments for bribery, suppressing and altering evidence, and interfering with the trial, did not begin to tell the entire story. NBC top management, Frank McGee, the narrator of the special, and others at NBC, fully

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backed up Sheridan, until(ne of the lies, bribes and fakes in the program were revealed.

Apology by NBC for Lies Told by Two "Witnesses"

Frank McGee later had to apologize on NBC for lies told by two of Sheridan's "witnesses" on the special. Sheridan and Townley paid them to give statements against Garrison. The FCC ruled that NBC had to give Garrison equal time after Garrison made an appeal, because the special had not been a news program, but an NBC-Sheridan vendetta against Garrison. NBC did give Garrison 30 minutes (the special was one hour) to respond at a later date in 1967.

To illustrate Sheridan's and NBC's techniques in the case, at one point the President of NBC helped in the bribery efforts by calling Mr. Gherlock, head of Equitable Life Insurance Co. in New York. Gherlock was asked for assurance that Perry Russo, who worked for Equitable in Louisiana, would cooperate with NBC on the Garrison special. Russo was the key witness in the Shaw trial whom Sheridan and Townley tried to bribe.

To remind the reader about the Shaw trial, Jim Garrison opened an investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy in late 1966. Senator Long of Louisiana had convinced Garrison that a conspiracy had existed. Lee Harvey Oswald's activities in New Orleans prior to the assassination, along with the strange actions of David Ferrie, on the day of the assassination, attracted Garrison's attention. He had not made his investigation public, but a curious newspaper reporter named Rosemary James broke the story after a few months of effort. Clay Shaw's other identity, Clay Bertrand, had already been uncovered by Garrison, and his involvement in the planning for the assassination had already been suspected by early 1967.

Party in David Ferrie's Apartment

Perry Russo attended a party in David Ferrie's apartment where Clay Bertrand, Ferrie, someone resembling Lee Harvey Oswald and others had discussed the possibility of assassinating President Kennedy. He became the key witness when Garrison arrested Shaw on March 1, 1967, and a grand jury indicted Shaw on March 22 following two hearings on March 14 and March 17 by a three judge panel and a four judge panel, recommending that Shaw be held for trial.

Effort to Have Russo Change His Testimony

Sheridan and Townley both made up their minds, along with most of the news media and the Justice Department, that Garrison had to be stopped at all costs. They decided to really go to work on Perry Russo, since his testimony was all important.

Townley tried to get Russo to change his testimony at the Shaw trial to make it seem that Garrison had hypnotized him and had then asked him leading questions to get Russo to testify against Shaw. Townley and Sheridan went to Russo's house, his office, and met him at other places. They badgered him and attempted to bribe him. They pressured and threatened him. They used every trick in the book to try to get him to change his testimony.

They threatened him with being discredited, made to seem insane, and perhaps fired from his job. They offered him a chance to work closely, for high rewards, with NBC in Sheridan's all-out effort to get Garrison. Sheridan told Russo, "We're going to destroy Gar( )n and his case along with him." Townley told Russo that he could get Shaw's lawyer, Dymond, to go easy on him at the trial, if he would alter his testimony. He told Russo that his employer had promised NBC that no retaliation would be taken against Russo if he cooperated with NBC. However, he might be fired if he didn't cooperate.

Sheridan told Russo that NBC could set him up in California where Russo always wanted to live, if he helped bust up the Garrison probe. Sheridan said NBC would pay his expenses to California and to live there, would protect his job, would get Russo a lawyer, and would guarantee that Garrison would never extradite him back to Louisiana.

Gordon Novel, Worker for the CIA

Another important witness in the Shaw trial was Gordon Novel, a bugging and electronics expert who worked for the CIA. Garrison tried to subpoena him, but he left New Orleans and fled to Ohio. Garrison was never able to extradite Novel from Ohio to Louisiana in spite of Novel's public statements that he knew who had killed David Ferrie. (Ferrie died mysteriously shortly after Garrison's probe became public knowledge.)

Walter Sheridan told Perry Russo that NBC had helped Novel escape Garrison's clutches by flying him out of Louisiana to McLean, Virginia (home of the CIA). NBC paid for a lie detector test to be administered to Novel in McLean. The test was supposed to prove that Novel was telling the truth when he said he knew nothing about the Kennedy case. Sheridan told Russo that NBC would do the same thing for him that they had done for Novel, namely, make sure that Novel would never be extradited to Louisiana to testify. Since Novel never was extradited and since Governor Rhodes of Ohio blocked his extradition making Governor McKeithen of Louisiana extremely angry, it would seem that Sheridan was right NBC did possess a lot of clout.

Sheridan and Townley also went to work on Gordon Novel's former wife, Marlene Mancuso. She was another important Shaw trial witness, because of her knowledge about Novel's CIA activities and a burglary of a munitions dump in Houma, Louisiana. Townley called her and tried to convince her to grant a taped interview for use on the NBC show. He said Garrison was going to be destroyed and that she should cooperate with NBC.

The NBC Special on June 19, 1967

The NBC-Walter Sheridan special on June 19, 1967, titled "The JFK Conspiracy — The Case of Jim Garrison", was packed with Sheridanese. Here are the principal examples:

1. A lawyer named Dean Andrews in New Orleans had played a key role in the Shaw trial because Clay Bertrand had telephoned him in a hospital shortly after the assassination and asked him to represent Lee Harvey Oswald. Andrews told so many different stories about Clay Bertrand that the truth was difficult to determine.

Frank McGee asked Andrews on the program about Clay Bertrand and whether he was Clay Shaw. Andrews said Bertrand was actually Eugene C. Davis, a bar owner in New Orleans. Sheridan's coup quickly blew up in his face when Davis denied the whole thing. When the trial finally took place, Shaw was pegged as Bertrand by a woman who saw him sign his name as Clay Bertrand.

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Bundy Lying

2. Sheridan's second attempt was to attack the credibility of Vernon Bundy, a witness for the prosecution who had seen Oswald and Shaw together on the New Orleans lakefront (Lake Pontchartrain). Sheridan cooked up two "witnesses" against Bundy. NBC presented John "the Baptist" Cancler, a burglar and Miguel Torres, also a burglar, who had been acquainted with Bundy.

Sheridan paid Cancler and Torres to make statements on the program. Cancler said that Bundy had indicated to him that his story regarding Oswald and Shaw was not true. Torres asserted that Bundy's testimony was "an out-front lie". Cancler said he had been approached by members of Garrison's staff to "plant" something in Shaw's house. Torres claimed that he had been asked (by Garrison) to testify that Shaw had made homosexual advances toward him and also that Shaw was Bertrand.

Frank McGee reported that NBC had discovered Bundy was lying during his polygraph test and Garrison knew it but let him testify anyway.

Cancler Sentenced to 18 Years

Following the TV show, Cancler was called before the Orleans Parish grand jury and asked to repeat his accusations under oath. Cancler took the fifth amendment, refusing to reiterate his TV charges. The jury foreman immediately took Cancler before a judge and asked him to repeat. Cancler again took the fifth and was found guilty of contempt of court and fined $500 or one year. Apparently Sheridan had paid him a lot more than $500. Two weeks later Cancler was handed a third convinction and sentenced to eighteen years as a multiple offender.

Miguel Torres was also brought before a grand jury and took the fifth when he was asked, "Were the statements you made on national television on NBC in June 1967, concerning the district attorney, true?"

James Alcock, Garrison's assistant district attorney who handled the Shaw trial, said to the judge, "Torres and Cancler just tell the television and Walter Sheridan about it. When they have an opportunity to do something they take the fifth amendment."

Sheridan Could Not Get Russo to "Cooperate"

3. Sheridan himself appeared on screen to discuss Perry Russo. He could never get Russo to change his mind and cooperate, so Sheridan interpreted for the audience what Russo had told him. He stated that Russo told him that his testimony against Shaw may be a combination of truth, fantasy and lies.

Andrew Sciambra, Garrison's assistant district attorney who interviewed Russo, delivered a memo to Garrison, detailing Walter Sheridan's efforts to bribe and threaten Russo. The statements made by Russo to Sciambra were very incriminating about Sheridan. The net result of all Sheridan's efforts were that Russo stuck to his story at the trial.

Fred Leemans, "Witness"

4. Sheridan's last "witness" on the show was Fred Leemans, another bar owner (Sheridan seemed to specialize in bar owners) and former Turkish bath operator. Leemans said that his original statements given to Garrison about Clay Shaw were not true and that his psyche began to trouble him. The morality of his actions began to weigh upon his mind. Perhaps a little of Sheridan's green stuff weighed even more heavily. At any rate he recanted his claim that Clay Shaw had come to the Turkish bath, that he (Leemans) had associated the name Bertrand with Shaw, and that on occasion he had been accompanied by a young slightly-bearded man whom he called "Lee". Leemans said on TV that Garrison had offered him $2500 for his testimony.

The New York Times telephoned Leemans following his appearance for an interview. He refused to speak about his NBC bit, conceding that he had arranged to give the Associated Press the exclusive story. He said, "After all, I have to get something out of all of this." On hearing this line, one of Garrison's staff smiled and said, "Ah, now that's the Fred Leemans we all recognize."

Bribing and Attempting to Bribe Witnesses

In addition to bribing and attempting to bribe witnesses, Sheridan also had meetings with one of Garrison's part-time investigators, William Gurvich. Garrison found out about the meetings and did not give Gurvich all of the information he wanted.

Jim Garrison said about Sheridan and the NBC broadcast, "Aside from the fact that it insulted the intelligence of every American, it was a very clear attempt to prejudice in advance possible jurors in the case. This program will probably stand for years as a symbol of the lengths to which some powerful outside interests will go in order to interfere with state government." □

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NOVEL, Gordon	NOVEL, Gordon	526113		No relationship to CIA	Tass-5/27/67	NOVEL worked for CIA in 1961, per NOVEL's attorney.
NUTINI, Hugo	NUTINI, Hugo Gina aka Hugo Nutini-Paredes	490072	Chile 1930	No clearance; OO/C interest 1966	Rude Pravo 8/29/65	North American spy of Chilean origin.
MUSSINI, Hugo					FBIS Moscow broadcast, 9/23/65	US spy in Chile, acting as scientist.
NUTTER, G. Warren Dr.	NUTTER, Gilbert Warren	49372 (o&c)	Topeka, Kansas; 3/10/23	Staff empl. 1951-1952; Consultant 1952-1953	Abilene, Texas Reporter-News 3/28/65	Formerly Division Chief for CIA
ODELL, Bruce	ODELL, Bruce Taylor	89084	Boston, Mass. 10/30/28	Staff empl.	FBIS, Cairo broadcast 8/20/68 re AMIN trial	CIA agent in Cairo, arrested by Egyptians.

Comment: In the absence of positive identifying information, the above individual should, in most cases, only be considered as a probable identification with the Subject of interest.

For Security Office Only: For additional information on the name as it appears in the clipping refer to OS file #535 525

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8 February 1968

SUBJECT: NOVEL, Gordon
(See also FURR, Lloyd B.)
(See also ARCACHA-SMITH, Sergio)

ALLEGATION:

Gordon NOVEL, former owner of a French Quarter Bar in New Orleans, was subpoenaed by GARRISON as a material witness in March 1967 but NOVEL moved to Columbus, Ohio and has avoided extradition. GARRISON charged NOVEL with burglary of the Houma Munitions Bunker in 1961 together with David FERRIE and ARCACHA-SMITH. NOVEL claimed this was a CIA operation but later his attorney denied the story.

CIA CONNECTION:

None

SOURCE:

Numerous news items, the latest dtd in October 1967.

OS INDICES RESULTS:

Subject's file contains newspaper clippings dating from March 1967 when GARRISON charged him with conspiracy in connection with a burglary of a munitions bunker at Houma, Louisiana in 1961 together with David FERRIE and ARCACHA-SMITH. To avoid arrest, NOVEL left New Orleans, first going to McLean, Virginia where he was given a lie detector test by Lloyd B. FURR, a private detective. (See summary on FURR). This incident tended to give credence to NOVEL's initial claim that he was working for CIA because of the Agency's proximity to McLean, Va.

After NOVEL vacated his New Orleans apartment in March 1967 a letter written by him was found under the linoleum on a sink drainboard by the new tenant, a girl who turned it over to her boy friend, who gave it to a professor at a New Orleans university who in turn gave it to a reporter on the New Orleans STATES-ITEM, Hoke MAY.

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Hoke MAY was granted a Covert Security Approval in April 1958 for unwitting use by Project FJINDULGE. MAY was not to be directly employed by FJINDULGE but was to be used in connection with his position with a private firm which handled work for the Project. The letter was presumably written to a "Mr. WEISS" in CIA and referred to classified DOUBLE-CHEK activities in 1961 in which NOVEL claimed he was involved. This matter was reviewed by CI/R&A at the time the matter received publicity and it was determined that DOUBLE-CHEK was created by the Agency for the sole purpose of making payments to the widows of American flyers who participated in the Bay of Pigs. No connection with NOVEL could be established. NOVEL knew Sergio ARCACHA-SMITH who was New Orleans head of the Frente Revolucionario Democratico, an Agency created and supported anti-Castro organization. Although ARCACHA-SMITH had no Agency clearance, NOVEL could have gained an impression from him that he was employed by CIA.

In October 1967 NOVEL was granted immunity from arrest by GARRISON on the Houma Bunker burglary charge and returned to Louisiana to testify before the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury in their probe on crime and labor troubles in the State of Louisiana.

DETAILS:

The Agency had no connection with the Houma Munitions Bunker. However, an Agency training site was located at Belle Chasse, Louisiana and Colonel Thomas BURBANK, State of Louisiana Police Superintendent, was one of the Louisiana officials witting of Agency affiliation with Belle Chasse. It is noted from news items concerning NOVEL's testimony before the Louisiana Labor probers in October 1967, that Colonel BURBANK was also a witness at the same time, although, there is no mention that BURBANK and NOVEL knew each other. BURBANK testified that every Louisiana sheriff was notified to "clean up" gambling and other vice in Louisiana.

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FROM: Sarah Hall		
ROOM NO. 4E-13	BUILDING Hqs.	EXTENSION 7683

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INCIDENT REPORT

FROM: BUILDING SECURITY BRANCH

DATE 29 April 1969

TIME 2010 hours

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6800 Elm Ct.
Galaway, Ohio
879-8510

GRADE NonAgency

OFFICE NA

INCIDENT Request for Information Re Gordon Novel

TIME 2010 hours

PLACE Galaway, Ohio

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2. A cursory check of available records showed no listing for Novel and Mrs. Adams was advised accordingly. She then provided, at some length, a review of her efforts to check on Novel, including contact with the FBI and Ohio police. In her investigation she has been told to have nothing to do with Novel and to stay away from him. She has also learned that he was in some way connected with the "Garrison and Kennedy trial" through Mr. Jerry Wiener, an attorney in the trial. From Novel's wife, Mrs. Adams was informed that Novel works for the CIA. Hence, her call to Washington tonight.

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ACTION TAKEN:

4. Later checks of SR&CD records show that a file on Gordon Novel is maintained on a permanent basis by SRS. The file number is 332-959.

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20 May 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Gordon Novel
#526113

1. On 20 May 1969, the Director of Security advised that he had received a call from Mr. Bienvenu, Director of Security, National Security Agency, regarding a possible impersonation by Subject. According to Mr. Bienvenu, an ex-Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, Mr. Russell L. Aufrance, 3256 South Union Avenue, Alliance, Ohio, 44601, had called Mr. Mathison and advised that a contact of his had stated that Subject had shown a CIA credential and indicated that he was employed by the Agency. Mr. Aufrance advised he called the National Security Agency to bring this matter to the attention of the highest security officials in Washington and that if anyone wished to contact him they should call him before 5:00 p.m., this date.

2. After reviewing Subject's file and confirming that Mr. Aufrance was an ex-Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, I briefed the Director of Security who requested that I call Mr. Aufrance and advise him that we were knowledgeable of Subject and that on other occasions he had inferred he was employed by CIA. In addition, that we intended to turn this information over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for investigation since the FBI had jurisdiction on such impersonation cases.

3. I later briefed Mr. Fred J. Cassidy, FBI/Liaison, who suggested that I advise Mr. Aufrance to report the information to local FBI agents. In Mr. Cassidy's presence, I called Mr. Aufrance who repeated what he had told Mr. Mathison. He also stated that Subject's wife is now separated from him and is suing him for divorce in Columbus, Ohio. She has stated that Subject is armed, carries a

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tear gas weapon and some kind of a .22 caliber pistol, concealed as a fountain pen. She stated that Subject is leaving Columbus for Reno, Nevada, where he intends to open a gambling establishment. In further discussion with Mr. Aufrance, he indicated his source was a friend of Subject's wife and from other statements he made, it is believed that his source is Thomas F. Hughes, Jr., who was interviewed by the Chicago Field Office on 18 April 1969.

4. After further discussion with Mr. Aufrance during which he indicated he was leaving for a fishing trip in Canada and would not return until Sunday, 25 May 1969, it was agreed that he would contact the local Federal Bureau of Investigation and brief them regarding Subject and that I would, meanwhile, alert FBI Headquarters/Washington, which could follow-up with the local office.

5. I then provided Mr. Cassidy with all pertinent information regarding Mr. Aufrance's telephone call and all information on Subject. Mr. Cassidy will keep us advised.

A. C. Sheridan

Arthur C. Sheridan
Acting Deputy Director of Security
for Personnel Security

Gordon Novel

AUFRANCE, Russell L. (1951-55)

Res: 3256 South Union Avenue, Alliance, Ohio 44601

Bus: Research Associates, Incorporated, 50 South Maple, Akron, Ohio

Regional Manager - Investigator

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Chicago Field Office
18 April 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Headquarters

SUBJECT: NOVEL, Gordon
(Impersonation of Agency Officer)

1. There is no case number. The case was generated by events that took place in the Chicago, Illinois area. No special requirement was levied by Headquarters; however, it was coordinated with Headquarters.

2. At approximately 4:15 p.m., 18 March 1969, Mr. Sam SIMPSON, Chief, Domestic Contacts Service (DCS) Field Office in Chicago, Illinois, contacted the Chicago Field Office and advised that Mr. Robert FAY, Special Agent with the Chicago FBI Office, had called the DCS Office with reference to some person by the name of "Mr. ROSE" (phonetic) who purportedly represented himself as a CIA representative in some telephonic contacts with the office of Mr. Tom HUGHES, President of M. F. Hughes Oil & Coal Company, in Chicago. The "Mr. ROSE" reportedly told Mr. HUGHES' office that he was with the CIA and that it was urgent that Mr. HUGHES come tonight to Room 551, Ambassador East Hotel, Chicago, on an important matter. (Subsequently, Mr. HUGHES was identified as Mr. Thomas F. HUGHES, Jr., born 1926 in Chicago; Owner and President of the above family firm; former Owner of the Playboy Club in New Orleans, Louisiana).

Agent FAY was contacted by the Chicago Field Office and he advised that nothing of value had been obtained by "Mr. ROSE", therefore, the FBI had no grounds for an impersonation case and could not officially enter the case. Agent FAY said that he had instructed Mr. HUGHES to refuse the invitation to go to Room 551, Ambassador East Hotel, and that if "Mr. ROSE" called again, that Mr. HUGHES should contact Agent FAY. Agent FAY further advised the Chicago Field Office that he had verified through the front desk at the Ambassador East Hotel that a "Mr. ROSE" was a registered guest for Room 551 and that he was from the "St. Louis suburban area".

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3. At 2:00 p.m., the next day (19 March 1969), with the prior approval by and coordination with Headquarters (Mr. Tim HARRINGTON), Mr. Thomas F. HUGHES, Jr., previously mentioned, was interviewed under Agency cover at the Sage's East Restaurant, 181 East Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. The place of interview was designated by Mr. HUGHES. Sage's East is an expensive and popular eating establishment on Chicago's Gold Coast, a neighborhood of fashionable hotels, apartment houses, shops, entertainment establishments, etc.

4. Mr. HUGHES' demeanor around Sage's East indicated a great deal of familiarity with the premises and personnel. Obviously, he is a regular patron with special privileges. For instance, without permission, he walked into a closed-off section of the restaurant and selected a table for the interview. He then beckoned a waiter to bring two cups of coffee.

5. Assistant Special Agent in Charge James E. MACKEY, Jr. conducted the interview with Mr. HUGHES.

6. Mr. HUGHES is about 43 years of age and about 5'8" in height, 155/160 pounds, dark blond (or even light brown) hair, which he wears short and combed straight down. He is neat and trim, walks with confidence and agility, and appears conscious of his appearance. He was dressed in a powder blue suit, white turtle neck shirt and dark loafers. He moved around and talked with a smooth, confident, self-assured manner. Based upon his physical appearance, dress, speech and personality, he could be described as a "swinger", "jet setter", "party guy", etc. His conversation touched stylish and action-oriented restaurants, night clubs, places of entertainment, Playboy Clubs, etc. He was very cooperative and volunteered to assist in any manner.

7. Mr. HUGHES said that he is President and Owner of the M.F. Hughes Oil and Coal Company, 3134 East 90th Street, Chicago, a business that dates back to his grandfather. He said that he took the business over several years ago, upon the death of his father, and built it into a successful, profitable operation. Most of his time is spent on outside sales work. He spends very little time in the office. He has a telephone in his auto and prefers to have his office screen the telephone calls before giving them to him to answer. The day-to-day internal operation of business is handled by his office staff. He believes he contributes more to his business,

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by working on the outside.

8. In addition to his coal company, Mr. HUGHES stated he has various other business interests in Chicago, Florida and other parts of the United States. He is a partner in a real estate venture in the Ft. Lauderdale, Florida area. Mr. HUGHES claims a part-ownership of the Maryland Hotel in Chicago.

9. Mr. HUGHES said that he is a personal friend of Mr. Hugh HEFNER, founder and operator of the Playboy Club chain. Mr. HUGHES said that for a few years in the early 1960's, he was the owner of the Playboy Club in New Orleans, Louisiana. He founded the New Orleans Playboy Club and later, disposed of it because it was unprofitable.

10. Mr. HUGHES said he has been estranged from his wife for several years. She has refused to give him a divorce. The wife lives in Chicago with the children of the marriage. Mr. HUGHES said he has an apartment in the Carriage House, Chicago.

11. Mr. HUGHES further said that he is "not perfect" and it is no secret that he has been involved with a lot of women over a period of years. Mr. HUGHES indicated that women seem to be attracted to him. He admitted being a "soft touch" for people in need.

12. Mr. HUGHES claimed contacts with a number of important people in politics, entertainment, business, sports and society. He said he is a personal friend of entertainer Frank SINATRA. Mr. HUGHES claimed that people are always calling on him for political and business favors. These people think he can get things done.

13. Mr. HUGHES said that between 3:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. on 18 March 1969, his office received telephone calls (four) from a "Mr. ROSE" or a "Mr. BARRON" calling for "Mr. ROSE", requesting that he come to Room 551, Ambassador East Hotel, for some urgent matter. On two of the calls, the caller identified himself as a CIA Representative. The above calls were taken by either his secretary (Marilyn) or his office manager (Mr. WARD).

14. After the last call, Mr. HUGHES said he tried to call Agent FAY at the FBI, but he was gone for the day. Mr. HUGHES then called Room 551, above hotel, and asked "Mr. ROSE" what the matter was all about? What was so urgent? Was he with the Central Intelligence Agency? Was he with the United States Government? Mr. HUGHES said "Mr. ROSE" avoided the point blank question of whether he was with the Central Intelligence Agency. "Mr. ROSE" parried the direct question with the remark, "I said CIA". Mr. HUGHES further related that "Mr. ROSE" wasn't going to admit he was representing the Central Intelligence Agency. Then Mr. HUGHES told "Mr. ROSE" that the whole matter was so

suspicious that he has turned it over to the FBI. The conversation was then concluded.

15. Shortly thereafter, according to Mr. HUGHES (also confirmed by Mr. FAY), a person who identified himself as Gordon NEVILLE, NEVEL OR NOVEL called the FBI Office and said he registered in Room 551 at the Ambassador East and that he was in Chicago on a matter involving James GARRISON and a legal action against Playboy Magazine for defamation of character or some such vague explanation. Agent FAY was recontacted by CFO regarding the above telephone call, but he was unable to add to, or clarify the details of the call. Agent FAY said he prepared a brief memorandum on the case and closed it.

16. Mr. HUGHES said he has suspected all along that the telephone calls were either made by, or instigated by one Gordon NEVIL, NEVILLE or NOVEL (HUGHES professed only phonetic spelling; however, Headquarters, after an indices check, later said that it was probably Gordon NOVEL, who had previously owned a bar in New Orleans and who had previously claimed an affiliation with the Agency).

17. Mr. HUGHES said that he has a little background on Gordon NOVEL and it may have a bearing on the recent events. Mr. HUGHES said that about three years ago, he met one Abbey MULLIGAN a native of Tennessee, who was then working as a bunny in the Playboy Club in Chicago. Abbey has also worked at Playboy Clubs in New Orleans, Cincinnati, London and other places. A few years ago, Abbey married NOVEL, whom she met in New Orleans. Since that time, Abbey and NOVEL have made their home in the Columbus, Ohio area. They have had a lot of fights and arguments and have been separated on several occasions, Abbey has filed for a divorce. Presently, Abbey is living in Columbus with her parents, the John MULLIGANS.

18. Mr. HUGHES further related that NOVEL lives by his wits and is not to be trusted; that NOVEL engages in "private eye" work of questionable practices; that he (NOVEL) reportedly taps telephones, "bugs" rooms and takes photographs, all of which are in connection with questionable activities; and that NOVEL, in the past, according to Abbey, has claimed working for the Agency.

19. Mr. HUGHES further related that he has no romantic interests, such as marriage, with Abbey and looks upon her as a good friend. Last summer, Mr. HUGHES arranged for Abbey to spend a few weeks in the Ft. Lauderdale area. Mr. HUGHES was there also. Mr. HUGHES said that he made elaborate precautions to make sure that Abbey couldn't be traced directly from Columbus to Florida. He had Abbey fly to Chicago and then catch another plane to Florida. Somehow, Mr. HUGHES further related, NOVEL found out about their trip to Florida, according to Abbey.

20. In conclusion, Mr. HUGHES said that NOVEL is a very, very shady character who is not to be trusted. Mr. HUGHES has never met NOVEL. Based upon what he knows about NOVEL, he believes NOVEL would engage in extortion, bribery, blackmail, etc.

21. Attached herewith is Exhibit 1, a Xerox Copy of the registration of one Charles BROZ, party of two, in Room 551, Ambassador East Hotel, Chicago, from 15 to 18 March 1969. BROZ was registered from Apartment C, 10069 Puttington, Affton, Missouri. (Note: There is a phonetic similarity between "ROSE" and "BROZ").

22. The files of the Credit Bureau of St. Louis, also serving Affton, Missouri, reflected the following information in the name of one Charles BROZ, no middle name listed, whose spouse was indicated as Beverly. He was first placed on record in June 1956, with information updated to January 1968, had a total of five accounts in the interim period, high credit of $3,208, all rated as satisfactory.

23. In January 1968, BROZ was owner of the Sportsway Barber Shop, 1809 Pestolozzi Street, and his wife, a Registered Nurse, was employed at Bethesda Hospital. The additional other addresses were on record; January 1966, 1218 Iron Street; 17 October 1962, 705 Brevits Street; June 1961, 3848-B Illinois Street; and December 1960, 3912 Illinois. No additional pertinent information was on file.

24. The records of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department revealed one Charles R. BROZ, 4177 Itaska Street, age 35, listed as a Superintendent, was arrested for speeding on 15 December 1943 and fined $5.00 plus costs; he was previously detained for speeding 19 January 1941, and fined $7.00 and costs on 28 January 1941. No other information was a matter of record.

25. The files of the St. Louis County Police Department and the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, both covering Affton, Missouri, were searched and reflected no information in the name of Charles R. BROZ.

26. The files of the Missouri State Auto Registration Office, State Headquarters, Jefferson City, Missouri, were searched by Clarence RIPPETO, Assistant Supervisor, and reflected no registration information in the name of Charles R. BROZ for the year 1969. Index book records indicated that one Charles R. BROZ, 1218 Iron Street, St. Louis, Missouri, purchased a 1966 Mercury on 31 January 1966 and for the years

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1967 and 1968, was registered with Missouri auto license AG 1283. No other information was on file.

27. Captain Robert E. WESSEL, Chief, Intelligence Division, St. Louis County Police Department, obtained the following information from a reliable confidential informant, employed by the County Division of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company: Charles R. BROZ, residing at 10069 Puttington Drive, Apartment C, Affton (Lakeshire) Street, St. Louis County, Missouri, 63123, has unlisted telephone number 638-1149. His business connection is that of a partner with one Ray CAMPBELL in the Arco Auto Electric Service, 1811 Pestolozzi Street, St. Louis, Missouri, with telephone PR 1-8811. No additional information was filed.

28. Records of the Dun and Bradstreet Office in Chicago contained a file on the M. F. Hughes Oil and Coal Company, above shown address in Chicago, Illinois. Thomas F. HUGHES, Jr. is listed as President. The firm has 100 employees, a net worth of $914,000, annual sales of $3,000,000 and was founded by the family in 1900. Thomas F. HUGHES, Jr. is also listed as the President of Heidco Coal Company, Inc. Dun & Bradstreet records also show that in 1961, he was President of Playboy Club of New Orleans.

29. The criminal records of the Chicago Police Department were checked in the name of Thomas F. HUGHES and there was no record.

30. A reliable, confidential source, who is personally acquainted with Thomas F. HUGHES, Jr. furnished the following observations on HUGHES: That HUGHES was born and reared in the South Shore area of Chicago; that HUGHES inherited the family business, Hughes Oil and Coal, and has built it into a successful business; that HUGHES seems to have an income sufficient to maintain a 30 foot boat, patronize the smart and expensive restaurants and night clubs, live in an expensive apartment and dress in a stylish fashion; and that HUGHES has a reputation for "liking the ladies" and is a steady patron of the Playboy Club and other night spots. HUGHES is regarded as a "man about town" who entertains frequently around the night club circuit. His tastes are expensive. The confidential source further related that HUGHES may have some effeminate mannerisms, but nothing derogatory was known in that regard. The confidential source further related that he has always wondered about the source of HUGHES' money. HUGHES has various business investments, including some apartment buildings and an interest in the Maryland Hotel. The source pointed out that the Maryland Hotel has always been identified as having ownership in the Chicago syndicate. The source speculated that HUGHES may be a front man or have some support from the Syndicate; however, he (confidential source) has never known HUGHES to be involved in any Syndicate operations or activities.

31. The Chicago Field Office did not attempt to further develop the various leads in Chicago, Columbus, New Orleans, etc. in accordance with Headquarters instructions.

32. The Chicago Field Office is considering the case closed and RUC.

James E. Mackey Jr
[RALPH G. ORCUTT] 6
for Special Agent in Charge

Attach:
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FIRM OR TRAVEL AGENT MR CHARLES BROZ

HOTELS AMBASSADOR

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CITY & STATE AFFTON, MISSOURI 63123

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27 February 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Contacts with Representatives of Public Media

Listed below is a summary of contacts with representatives of public media reported by Agency personnel for 26 February 1969.

Media Representative	Agency Contact	Remarks
Jess Cook TIME magazine	Mr. Goodwin	Mr. Cook was briefed on Vietnam by George Carver.
Gordon Novel Columbus, Ohio	Mr. Goodwin	Mr. Novel asked if he could have an affidavit stating that he had never been employed by CIA. Mr. Goodwin said he would contact our legal people and ask that someone phone Mr. Novel.
Kenneth Gilmore READER'S DIGEST	Mr. Goodwin	Mr. Gilmore said that Dave Phillips had mentioned the possibility of a rundown on the Cuban episode (Cubans who escaped through Guantanamo). Their man, Bill Shulz, has returned after talking to several people and he would like to talk to Dave. Mr. Goodwin said he would be in touch.
Peter Grose NEW YORK TIMES	Mr. Goodwin	Mr. Grose asked the chances for a Cairo and general Arab world background briefing for Raymond Anderson who has been in Moscow and who will leave for Cairo in a week or two. Mr. Anderson will be in Washington tomorrow afternoon and Friday. Mr. Goodwin confirmed a briefing for 28 Feb.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE 13 November 1968

SUBJECT NOVEL, Gordon

FILE NUMBER 526 113

According to FBI liaison check through Mr. Cregar, 11/13/68, Gordon Duane NOVEL (fugitive witness in Garrison's probe of the assassination of President Kennedy) was born 2/7/38, New Orleans, Louisiana.

OFFICE AND TITLE: Appraisal Section

SIGNATURE: Maxine Casebolt

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15 August 1968

SUBJECT: MAY, Hoke Smith

Subject was granted a Covert Security Approval on 22 April 1958 for unwitting use with Project FJINDULGE. Subject was not directly employed by FJINDULGE but was to be used in connection with his position with a private firm which handled work for the Project. At the time of the clearance Subject was employed by Tobias and Company, a public relations firm in Charleston, South Carolina.

A newspaper clipping from the New Orleans STATES-ITEM for 26 May 1967 reported how a letter written by fugitive witness Gordon NOVEL (GARRISON investigation into the assassination of former President KENNEDY) came into the hands of Hoke MAY, STATES-ITEM reporter. A copy of this clipping is attached.

Subject was born 11 April 1930 in De Kalb County, Georgia. He attended the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, September-December 1947 and again from March-June 1948 but withdrew because of poor scholarship. He was employed as an office boy in the news department of the NEW YORK TIMES in New York City from October 1948 to March 1949. Other employments are as follows: SAVANNAH MORNING NEWS, Savannah, Georgia from March 1949 to January 1950; INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE, Atlanta, Georgia, August 1950 to October 1951; Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Marietta, Georgia (as publicist), October 1951 to April 1952. From April-June 1952 Subject was political campaign manager for C. Baxter JONES in his unsuccessful campaign for U. S. Congressman from Georgia. From March 1952 to December 1953 Subject was employed by the ANDERSON INDEPENDENT, Anderson, South Carolina; December 1953 to December 1957, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, Charlotte, North Carolina. He won the "Big Story Award" while with the OBSERVER.

Subject is the grandson of former Georgia governor and U. S. Senator, Hoke MAY.

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...OLLOWS DEVIOUS PATH

'Letter' by Novel Adds to Mystery

A letter written by fugitive witness Gordon Novel added a new cloak-and-dagger twist today to the Kennedy assassination probe.

Attorney Steven Plotkin said Novel actually wrote the communication. Further, he said his client was working for the Central Intelligence Agency here in 1961.

But Novel called the letter a "trap" set for Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who is attempting to bring Novel back to New Orleans for questioning.

WHATEVER THE authenticity of the document, the circumstances of its discovery read like a chapter in a who-done-it.

The letter came into the hands of States-Item reporter Hoke May. This is how it happened:

The letter turned up when two girls were doing their spring housecleaning. It was well hidden in the fugitive witness's French Quarter apartment.

SO WELL HIDDEN, in fact, that a team of Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents and officers from Garrison's investigative squad missed it when they searched the rooms after Novel left town in March.

The girls, who rented the Novel apartment after his departure, found it during a thorough housecleaning and refurbishing session.

One of them turned it over to her boy friend. He, in turn, showed it to his professor at a New Orleans university.

The professor is a friend of May's.

THE LETTER was addressed to a Mr. Weiss and probably was written in late January or early February of this year, judging by the time sequence it describes.

When a copy was sent to him, Plotkin reviewed its contents, spoke to his client and told the States-Item Novel had drafted the letter.

He said, "Everything in the letter as far as Novel is concerned is actually the truth."

The contents of the missive are compounded of cryptic references, code names and a plea for Weiss to get Novel "out of this mess" by an unspecified date in March of 1967.

THE LETTER appears to be a draft which later might be recopied or typed. There is no indication it was ever mailed, however, and Plotkin said he does not know whether the draft was sent "to the addressee."

Presumably, Weiss is connected with the CIA.

Novel departed New Orleans about mid-March after receiving a subpena to testify in Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation. He went to McLean, Va., the headquarters of the CIA.

HE WAS MET there by a former official of the Justice Department who now works for one of the radio-television networks.

The 29-year-old former bar owner took a lie detector test at McLean and ducked under cover for another few days, a time when he was reported to be in Montreal.

His next appearance was at Gahanna, Ohio, a Columbus suburb where he was arrested April 1 on a warrant from Garrison who charged him with conspiracy to burglarize a munitions dump at Houma in 1961.

AN INDEPENDENT handwriting expert says the letter is in Novel's handwriting. The expert, Gilbert Fortier of New Orleans, compared the penciled letter with other samples of Novel's writing and printing.

"It is my conclusion that the same person who wrote the handwriting specimens also wrote the draft to Mr. Weiss," Fortier asserted.

He said he checked especially for the possibility the letter might be a forgery but concluded it was not probable.

"It was written too easily and too freely to have been forged," Fortier said.

THE LETTER to Weiss begins:

"This letter is to inform you that District (Attorney) Jim Garrison has subpenaed myself and an associate to testify before his Grand Jury on matters which may be classified TOP SECRET. Actions of individuals connected with DOUBLE-CHEK CORPORATION in Miami in first quarter of 1961."

(The authoritative book, "The Invisible Government," identified Double-Chek Corp. of Miami as a CIA front organization which recruited pilots and other Cuban personnel for the Bay of Pigs Invasion in 1961.)

"WE HAVE NO current contact available to inform of this situation," the letter continues. "So I took the liberty of writing you direct and apprising you of current situation . . . expecting you to forward this through appropriate channels . . .

"Our connection and activity of that period involved individuals presently . . . about to be indicted as conspirators in Mr. Garrison's investigation.

"We have temporarily avoided one subpena not to reveal Double-Chek activities or associate them with this mess. We want out of this thing before Thursday 3/ /67. Our attorneys have been told to expect another subpena to appear and testify on this matter. The Fifth Amendment and/or immunity (and) legal tactics will not suffice.

"MR. GARRISON is in possession of unsworn portions of this testimony. He is unaware of Double-Chek's involvement in this matter but has strong suspicions. I have been questioned extensively by local FBI recently as to whether or not I was involved with Double-Chek's parent holding corporation during the time. My reply on five queries was negative.

"Bureau unaware of Double-Chek association in this matter. Our attorneys and others are in possession of complete sealed files containing all information concerning matter.

"In event of our sudden departure, either accidental or otherwise, they are instructed to simultaneously release same for public scrutiny in different areas.

"APPROPRIATE counter action relative to Garrison's inquisition concerning us may best be handled through military channels vis (a) vis D.I.A. man. Garrison is presently colonel in Louisiana Army National Guard and has ready reserve status. Contact may be had through our attorneys of record, Plotkin, Alvarez, Sapir."

Plotkin confirmed that he

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14 August 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Research Staff/OS

SUBJECT: GUGAS, Chris - #O&C 39094
(GARRISON Investigation)

The attached summary on Subject was prepared for CI/R&A per their request of 28 June 1968. Because of its contents, it may be of interest to the D/OS. These undesirables all seem to make each other's acquaintance in some way or other.

Sarah K. Hall
SRS/OS

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14 August 1968

SUBJECT: GUGAS, Chris

Subject is identified as a California investigator who administered a polygraph test to Edgar Eugene BRADLEY who has been charged with conspiracy by GARRISON.

Subject was born 12 August 1921 at Omaha, Nebraska. He is a former Agency employee who EOD in October 1949 as a GS-9 Intelligence Officer. Subject resigned his staff status in February 1951 and became a staff agent with Project ENDOMORPH in Turkey from March 1951 until July 1952. (His wife Anne Claudia GUGAS nee SETARO was granted a covert security clearance in February 1952 for use in a clerical capacity in the Middle East.)

In his assignment with Project ENDOMORPH in Turkey, Subject was a source of constant embarrassment in his contacts with Turkish police officials. He was boastful, indiscreet, lacking in sound judgment, knew little or nothing in the fields in which he was self-professedly an expert and was guilty of security breaches in failing to maintain his cover. In one incident he made recommendations of police reorganizations to be made by province governors in Turkey; whereas, in Turkey, the Police Department is a national organization and not subject to the dictates of the province governors. This caused much ill will and friction with the Turkish police.

Subject professed to be an expert in his knowledge of the polygraph machine and claimed he had two years' experience with the Los Angeles Police Department prior to his employment with the Agency. However, it was developed that instead of this claimed experience, he had actually spent one or two weeks in a detective school connected with the Los Angeles Police Department where he received below average grades.

In October 1952 he approached an Agency employee regarding a new type of technical equipment and this conversation led to the disclosure by Subject that he was employed by the Agency in a covert capacity; that he was teaching lie detection techniques to foreign police departments without being authorized or competent to do so. Subject was briefed in December 1952 with stress placed on the importance of living up to his security responsibilities and exercising utmost precaution in protecting the covert interests of the Agency.

In spite of the strong warnings given him in this interview, Subject again became involved in an incident of official embarrassment to the Agency.

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In March 1953 he misrepresented himself as a polygraph operator with the "State Department Secret Police". This misrepresentation was made at a time when the Department of State was not authorized to have a polygraph machine and Congressional legislation was pending at the time regarding such authorization. As a result of this misrepresentation, Subject was afforded another security interview in March 1953. He explained that his cover company sold equipment to foreign countries through the Mutual Aid Program and supplied consultant services to the State Department but Subject denied that he ever represented himself as a State Department polygraph operator. After the security interview Subject was also assessed by an Agency psychologist (March 1953) and was found to be egotistical, emotionally unstable, possessed of a need to build himself up in the eyes of others and gave either exaggerated or completely erroneous information as to his past positions. His intelligence quotient was found to be comparatively low in relation to those of other Agency employees. In April 1953 termination of his employment was recommended.

Subject resigned 29 April 1953 "to accept a position in California. Washington climate is not agreeable to his family."

In April 1964 Mr. J. Kirk BAREFOOT, Director of Security, McKesson and Robbins, Skokie, Illinois, informed the Agency he had been a witness to unauthorized disclosures of classified information made by a group in a cocktail lounge in Omaha, Nebraska. The individual making the disclosures about ENDOMORPH activities abroad under Agency sponsorship was identified as Leonard HARRELSON. Subject, who was then Director of Public Safety for the City of Omaha, Nebraska, was one of the group and it was believed that he was responsible for supplying the classified information to HARRELSON about ENDOMORPH activities.

Leonard HARRELSON is a private investigator specializing in hypnotism and the use of the polygraph machine. In 1964 he was employed by the Keeler Polygraph Company in Chicago, Illinois. In 1954 HARRELSON was in partnership with Lloyd B. FURR in a private detective agency known as the American Bureau of Investigation, Tower Building, Washington, D. C. Lloyd B. FURR is the polygraph operator who gave a lie detector test to Gordon NOVEL, hostile witness subpoenaed by GARRISON. The test received newspaper publicity as being given at "McLean, Va." in March 1967. (Summary on FURR attached).

HARRELSON is believed to be a person of poor morals. He was given a medical discharge from the Army as a psychoneurotic in 1949 and had been court-martialed twice for impersonating non-commissioned officers of a rank higher than he possessed. In his business partnership with FURR, HARRELSON would misrepresent himself as being with the FBI by covering the word "American" when presenting his credentials and just showing "Bureau of Investigation".

Incidentally, the informant, J. Kirk BAREFOOT mentioned above, was disapproved for Agency employment in 1951 because of falsification of his PHS, and questionable maturity, judgment, discretion and honesty.

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A. NOVEL is Polygraphed by Lloyd FURR on Garrison's Charges.

Gordon Dwane NOVEL, already a fugitive witness in the Garrison inquiry, is reported in the Washington press of 27 March 1967 as having been polygraphed the previous day on the case under investigation by Garrison. According to the press reports, NOVEL submitted to a polygraph examination conducted at McLean, Virginia by Lloyd FURR. In statements to the press, FURR indicated there was no indication of deception to NOVEL's charges that Garrison's case is a "fraud".

B. Lloyd FURR's Relationship to Richard L. BAST and REDEX.

Lloyd FURR, a former District of Columbia policeman and now a private detective, is a self-proclaimed polygraph "expert" and sound device specialist. He has received publicity in the past for planting sound devices for the late Fulton Lewis, Jr. in the St. Mary's County vice case in 1953 and in 1958 when he discovered listening devices being used against Bernard Goldfine. In 1964, information was received that a Washington, D. C. firm, REDEX, operated by FURR and Richard L. BAST, was attempting to sell electronic equipment to Communist China via an agent in Hong Kong. (TSD had unclassified contact with FURR in 1962 to see equipment offered for sale by FURR.)

C. Richard L. BAST and REDEX.

Richard L. BAST, a Washington, D.C. private detective, gained notoriety in 1965 by turning up a missing witness, previously unlocated by the Department of Justice, in connection with the Bobby Baker case. He is known to operate at least four enterprises: 1) CAPITAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, a private detective agency; 2) REDEX VIETNAM, INC., a firm which imports a variety of commodities ranging from liquor to automobiles into South Vietnam, including, of late, U. S.-recruited "go-go" girls for a Saigon nightclub he is planning; 3) REDEX CORP., a firm which sells almost anything to anybody abroad, other than South Vietnam; and 4) CONSOLIDATED ARMAMENTS, INC., a firm which sells small arms to foreign governments and private individuals abroad. BAST also produces and distributes both sensitive audio and counteraudio devices in the U. S. and

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overseas. BAST, described as "unscrupulous and untrustworthy", is known to have attempted to contract with another private detective/for planting a remote-controlled bomb in the headquarters of the Haiti Secret Police, and has been reported to have undertaken similar extreme assignments for exile groups from Haiti and the Dominican Republic. (Based on derogatory information on file, DCS, in March 1967, decided against previously contemplated contact with BAST as a source of information on Asia.)

D. BAST, REDEX, and William W. TURNER of RAMPARTS

CIA Staff has provided information that during January 1967, William W. TURNER, who identified himself as a free-lance writer, visited the offices of the Asia Foundation, requesting information for a magazine article. He stated that he had been asked by Sol Stern of New York to gather information for an article in the New York Times. During his visit, however, it became obvious that TURNER was primed to ask questions about the financing of the foundation, rather than its actual purpose or activities. When TURNER concluded the interview he left a calling card with the firm name "REDEX-PACIFIC". He explained he had to have new cards printed. TURNER, reportedly dismissed from the FBI in 1961, is noted to have authored an article in the November 1966 issue of RAMPARTS Magazine in which he describes alleged wiretapping, surreptitious entry, etc., performed by him while with the FBI. Sol Stern, whom he claimed to represent, is assistant managing editor of RAMPARTS Magazine.

E. Role of FURR and BAST in CIA Meeting of Exile

(The foregoing has attempted to detail the contact of NOVEL with FURR, FURR's connection with BAST, and a possible connection between BAST's organization and RAMPARTS. The following indicates the only CIA involvement in the chain which might be exploited in subsequent attempts to link CIA to the entire affair in question.)

On 26 April 1965, [Robert E. Owen] then Chief, WE/3 and now Paris Station, directed a memorandum to the Chief,

WH/6 in which he documented a conversation he had on 27 April 1963, with Raymond CASSAGNOL, an anti-Duvalier exile from Haiti. In the memorandum he relates that the conversation took place in the home of Richard L. BAST whom Owen had met through a neighbor, Lloyd FURR.

The memorandum relates CASSAGNOL's background, family, political stance, etc. Reported as significant by [Owen] is a 3 statement by BAST that the following week BAST would be sending a shipload of arms to a CASSAGNOL-affiliated group in the Dominican Republic. 3 [Owen] noted: "Raymond CASSAGNOL gives appearance of thinking well of Richard BAST. According to CASSAGNOL, his brother, Jacques, also knows BAST and respects him. Thus BAST, in spite of certain personal shortcomings from the intelligence standpoint, does represent an established channel to at least one segment of the Haitian opposition to Duvalier. Since according to his own statement, BAST is supplying arms to CASSAGNOL's groups, further transactions of this type via BAST presumably would not be difficult to arrange." He also provided a detailed information on what he learned of BAST, noting that BAST had mentioned Dominican distrust of State and AID and the fact that "CIA double-crossed them" (the Dominicans).

An FBI report on BAST dated 19 June 1963 reports that 3 [Owen,] "Foreign Service Reserve Officer, USDS" (his cover) had reported 16 May 1963 his attendance at dinner at BAST's home on 27 April 1963. 3 [Owen] told of his meeting with CASSAGNOL, BAST's intention to sell arms to the Dominican Republic and Haitian exiles, etc. He also reports that on 7 May 1963, BAST asked him to perform some translation work. The translation, he stated, related to BAST giving a power of attorney to one Luis [illegible] Martinez of the Dominican Republic to prepare documentation for legal establishment of REDEX CORPORATION, C. por A., a DR branch of BAST's firm. According to [Owen,] 3 40% of the stock was to be held by the head of the DR National Security Agency, the head of the DR secret police, and an individual well-connected with Dominican Republic police and intelligence groups. BAST is also noted to have told [Owen] 3 of an offer BAST had made to "bug" the office of the Dominican

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Secretary of State for the Armed Forces on behalf of Juan Bosch. BAST did not indicate to Owen if had performed the job.

(There is no record of a clearance having been issued for utilization of Richard L. BAST or REDEX.)

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15 January 1968

SUBJECT: BRADLEY, Edgar Eugene
(See also BRADLEY, Leslie Norman)

ALLEGATION:

Edgar Eugene BRADLEY, field representative for an Eastern radio evangelist, Dr. Carl MCINTIRE, was arrested on 29 Dec 1967 on a charge by GARRISON of being a conspirator in a plot to assassinate President KENNEDY.

SOURCE:

News media articles for 22, 24, 26, 28 Dec 1967 and 8 Jan 68.

OS INDICES RESULTS:

Negative for Subject.

CIA CONNECTION:

None. Personnel records reveal there was an applicant by the same name as Subject but the file was destroyed in Dec 1966 as it was 2 yrs old. Subject's employer, Carl McINTIRE was approved for contact use in Nov 1954 but according to Contacts Office, he was never used by them as he was reported to be unreliable.

His employer, Carl McINTIRE, was approved (caution) for contact use on 22 November 1954. However, according to Domestic Contacts Office, he was not used by them as he was reported to be unreliable. His file reflects that he is an extreme Rightist. He spoke on "How Communism is Using the Churches" in Hollywood, California on 14 December 1954. On 30 April 1954 an article in the New York Herald Tribune quoted him as saying "the seriousness of Communism in the churches is far greater than we realize". TIME magazine for 16 May 1949 identified him as the founder and head of the small American Council of Christian Churches which it described as "the farthest tip" of the right wing of American Protestantism. The LUTHERAN magazine for 30 December 1964 stated that the Revised Standard Version of the Bible has been a target of incessant attack by Carl McINTIRE and his "Twentieth Century Reformation Hour" broadcasts.

DETAILS:

Subject has alleged that his arrest by GARRISON is a case of mistaken identity. NEWSWEEK magazine for 8 January 1968 reported that it seemed possible indeed that GARRISON had him mixed up with two other men. "(One is a sometime New Orleans pilot named BRADLEY who was once jailed in Cuba for anti-Castro activities. The other, an ex-con who used the alias BRADLEY and who changed his name arrested on a bad-check charge in Dallas on 22 November 1963.)"

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Washington Field Office
21 February 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: HDQS

SUBJECT : (Information concerning New Orleans probe--
Kennedy assassination) NOVEL, GORSON

1. Please refer to previous news items on this topic.

2. Enclosed are news items of possible interest concerning recent developments.

for James J. McCabe
JOHN D. NOBLE, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge

Attachments: New Orleans Topic Clippings,
dated 17 February 1968.

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HUMAN EVENTS
March 1968

Garrison's 'Baseless Fraud'

The former chief investigator in the New Orleans assassination "plot" testified last week that District Attorney Jim Garrison's conspiracy theory is a "baseless fraud."

William H. Gurvich, who worked with Garrison for seven months in probing the Kennedy assassination, swore that the entire "plot" was a figment of the D.A.'s imagination. He testified in an Ohio extradiction hearing in which Garrison sought the return for testimony of Gordon Novel, a former New Orleans resident. Gurvich also said that:

- Garrison once predicted the assassination probe would end with the suicide of his chief defendant, Clay Shaw, who is charged with conspiracy.

- Another defendant, Edgar Eugene Bradley, has been confused by Garrison with a second Edgar Bradley, an anti-Castro pilot. But Gurvich said investigation indicated that neither Bradley played any part in the assassination.

- Garrison once ordered Gurvich to arrest, handcuff and assault two NBC newsmen, Walter Sheridan and Richard Townley, who had expressed skepticism of the Garrison probe.

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Novel 'Tired Fighting,' Will Return to N.O.

Gordon Novel, long-sought witness in the Kennedy assassination probe, says he will return to New Orleans.

Novel, a former nightclub owner, left the city abruptly last year when District Attorney Jim Garrison sought to question him. But he said yesterday in Columbus, Ohio, he is "tired of fighting" and will appear before the grand jury here March 7 and 8.

HOWEVER, Novel said he knows nothing he can tell the jury in connection with Garrison's allegation that the slaying of President John F. Kennedy was plotted in New Orleans.

"I think it's time to bring this to a head. I want to have a home and raise a family," Novel said at a news conference with his wife, former Playboy bunny Abby Mulligan.

Garrison contends Novel and Kerry Thornley, the former French Quarter waiter charged yesterday with perjury, both were connected with the federal government here before the assassination. Novel, Garrison has claimed, worked for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Thornley, Garrison said yesterday, was "part of the covert federal operation operating in New Orleans" in 1963, along with Lee Harvey Oswald, Thornley's one-time Marine Corps buddy.

The perjury charge grew out of Thornley's statements that he never saw Oswald here during 1963.

GARRISON contends that persons associated with the CIA killed the President.

In an interview made public yesterday in which Garrison was questioned by a Dutch television reporter, the DA was quoted as saying "the next U.S. President who tries to put the brakes on the war machine" will also be slain.

Garrison was quoted on The Netherlands Television Foundation by Willem Oltmans as saying Kennedy was killed by "elements" of the CIA and the organization then tried to cast suspicion on others.

"This manner of organizing a murder is standard procedure with the CIA," Garrison was quoted as saying.

GARRISON was quoted in the Dutch interview as saying that he had to speak out in Europe "because it is impossible in America.

"The U.S. press is controlled to such an extent by the CIA that we no longer can say the truth. They throttled us," he was quoted in the broadcast on the program 'Panoramiek.'"

The television foundation quoted Garrison as saying he assumed President Lyndon B. Johnson knew of the CIA's alleged involvement because the Warren Commission was comprised of persons Garrison said were favorable to the CIA.

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ALLEN DULLES
Former CIA chief subpenaed.

"Number Two — I never committed any burglaries and am most certainly not a material witness except to Mr. Garrison's attempts to fraudulently and maliciously involve myself, who was his former personal chief of security in his alleged investigation of the alleged conspiracy to allegedly assassinate John F. Kennedy.

"Number Three — I have never stated to anyone that I ever consciously worked at any time for or with the CIA.

"Number Four — In reference to his new subpena, I, personally, haven't read it so I will just have to see it before deciding whether to play my game or his.

"Number Five — Perhaps if President Johnson and the CIA pay my extensive personal financial losses for defending the Warren Report this past year and guarantee the probable needed bond requirements for perjury, which is the charge I believe Mr. Garrison is immune from granting immunity on, I may return to testify to Mr. Garrison about his fraud and involvement in the death of David Ferrie.

"I don't believe Mr. Garrison will take a lie detector test or allow me to testify to his fraud and his involvement on one, or on his truth serum, or on his hypnosis before his grand jury. Perhaps if he invites me to a duel in some place other than Louisiana he may find me far more cooperative, and I don't mean a duel with words."

The subpenas for both Novel

COVERT PENETRATION

In calling for Dulles' appearance, Garrison said that the former official was CIA director when the organization's present methods of operation were developed, and that those techniques "have included the covert penetration of much of the fabric of American life — including schools, organizations of many types, news agencies and even churches."

The Warren Commission, according to Garrison, was formed to "conceal the involvement of the CIA in the assassination," and commission members "appear to have participated in this tableau on the ground that national security would be jeopardized if the truth were known by the people of this country."

The DA additionally charged that the commission purposely destroyed or never reported other important evidence such as bullets found in Dealey Plaza just after the shooting of Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963.

"This office intends to demonstrate," Garrison said in conclusion, "that the CIA made a mistake in using Orleans Parish as a staging area for the assassination and that the federal government has made an equall[y] bad mistake in attempting [to] conceal this fact and in attem[pt]ing to obstruct justice in [Or]leans Parish."

DULLES, NOVEL SUBPENAED

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by the Warren Commission to have been the lone assassin of Kennedy.

Garrison also asserted that he has succeeded in identifying the assassination of President Kennedy as an operation conducted by elements of the CIA. The DA further charged that the Warren Commission suppressed certain documents which may have a bearing on the case.

Garrison also claimed that while Dulles was heading the CIA his organization worked at buying trucks and other vehicles from a New Orleans firm to use in the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion on Cuba, and used Oswald's name. Oswald was in Russia at the time.

GRANTED IMMUNITY

The subpena request further stated that Novel, former operator of a Rampart st. lounge, had enlisted CIA aid in order to avoid having to return to New Orleans for Garrison, and that the late David W. Ferrie was employed by the CIA while Dulles was at the helm.

Ferrie died last Feb. 22. He was named by Garrison as being one of the alleged conspirators in plotting the murder of Kennedy.

In his statement to The Times-Picayune, Novel outlined his position on Garrison's latest move in five points. The text of Novel's statement follows:

Number One: My primary business in New Orleans was, and still is, in the electronic intelligence equipment manufacturing field. I am not a night club owner. That was merely a hobby.

My customers, beside the United States government, were many Louisiana politicians, including Mr. Garrison, and the governor and the office of the mayor of the city of New Orleans. My personal stereo and monaural tape library is extensive.

and Dulles say they will be granted immunity from arrest in Louisiana on matters which may have occurred before their entrance into the state to comply with the subpena order.

Dulles now lives in New York and Novel has been residing in Columbus, Ohio, since fleeing Louisiana last year.

The call for Novel also alleges that he was an associate of Ferrie, and had visited many times with attorney Dean A. Andrews Jr., who has since been convicted of perjury after testifying in connection with the probe.

LINKED TO BRADLEY

"Information has been given to the DA's office which located Novel at No Name Key in Florida, where a number of CIA employes were training for an invasion of Cuba," the request added.

It further says that Novel has associated with Edgar Eugene Bradley of North Hollywood, California, the second living man, along with retired New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw, to be charged by Garrison with conspiring to kill President Kennedy.

"Gordon Novel, by his own public admissions, sold his business ... and left the city to avoid not only the aforedescribed subpena (of March 17, 1967) but also a new subpena which he knew had been issued but not served," continued the request.

"Subsequent to the issuance of the warrant (for his arrest as a material witness), Gordon Novel disguised himself in the clothing of a member of a particular religious order and by stealth and furtiveness returned to the state of Louisiana and removed his auotmobile."

[illegible] NOVEL CALLED

Garrison Asks Dulles to Testify March 7, 8

A new subpena and a renewed subpena were issued Friday by District Attorney Jim Garrison in his Kennedy assassination probe—the first for a former Central Intelligence Agency director, and the second for a long-sought former bar operator alleged to have CIA connections.

The new Grand Jury subpena issued by Garrison's office was for Allen W. Dulles, head of the controversial CIA until Sept. 27, 1961, who is asked to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury March 7 and 8 to give testimony in connection with the DA's investigation of the death of President John F. Kennedy.

The other subpena again called for the appearance of Gordon Novel. Earlier efforts by Garrison to have Novel return here to testify have been unavailing.

NOT DECIDED

Friday night, Novel told The Times-Picayune by telephone from Columbus, Ohio, that he had not read the new subpena and had not yet decided whether to play "my game for his (Garrison's) ..."

Novel also said that he "may return to testify in New Orleans if President Lyndon B. Johnson and the CIA pay for his personal financial losses" incurred over the past year while included as a figure in the investigation.

The subpenas for both Dulles and Novel were issued through the court of Criminal District Judge Matthew S. Braniff.

'BY CIA ELEMENTS'

In asking for the Dulles subpena, Garrison's office claimed that he would have "pertinent knowledge as to substantial reports that Lee Harvey Oswald was an agent and-or employe of the CIA." Oswald was said

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Dulles Called in Probe

The district attorney's office today issued a grand jury subpena for Allen W. Dulles former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, to appear before the jury March 7 and 8 in connection with the probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

A new subpena also was issued today for Gordon Novel, former New Orleans nightclub owner. Previous efforts to get Novel back to New Orleans to testify have been unsuccessful.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON said his office "has succeeded in identifying the assassination of President Kennedy as an operation conducted by elements of the CIA," and said both Dulles and Novel were needed to testify about CIA activities.

Both subpenas were issued through Criminal District Judge Matthew S. Braniff.

The request for the Dulles subpena alleges that Dulles was CIA director until Sept. 27, 1961, and as such "would have pertinent knowledge as to substantial reports that Lee Harvey Oswald was an agent and-or an employe of the CIA."

THE DOCUMENT SAID POSSIBLE information relative to CIA knowledge or contact with Oswald (named by the Warren Commission as the sole slayer of the President) was suppressed in certain commission documents.

It charges that while Dulles headed the CIA, the organization negotiated with a New Orleans firm for the purchase of trucks and vehicles to use in the CIA-sponsored Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba and used the name of Lee Harvey Oswald, who was at that time in Russia.

THE SUBPENA REQUEST QUOTED a copyrighted story in the States-Item April 25, 1967, as making public Novel's claim to have been employed by the CIA during Dulles' tenure as chief. "Gordon Novel fled the state to avoid testifying and sought to enlist the aid of the CIA in preventing his return," the document said.

The request said "David W. Ferrie, who has been named in an indictment as a conspirator to the murder of John F. Kennedy, was an employe of the CIA at a time when Allen Dulles was the head of the CIA. Among other things, he was a flying instructor in Guatemala prior to the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion."

Dulles was never called before the Warren Commission, the document said.

The document said it was issued for the purpose of being presented to a judge in New York, "where said Allen W. Dulles now is, upon proceedings to compel said Allen W. Dulles to attend and testify . . ."

Both the Dulles and Novel subpena requests contain provisions granting the men immunity from arrest and process service while in Louisiana on matters which arose prior to their entrance into the state to answer the subpenas.

IN THE PAST, Garrison has refused to grant Novel such immunity. Novel has said he would be willing to return if it were granted.

The Novel subpena request says Novel now lives in Columbus, Ohio.

It alleges that Novel "by his own admission in public statements is affiliated with the CIA."

It further alleges that Novel "has been established to be a frequent visitor of and associate of attorney Dean A. Andrews who has been convicted of perjury in connection with his testimony relative to the conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy."

ALSO, IT says he was an associate of Ferrie in connection with CIA activities.

"Information has been given to the DA's office which located Novel at No Name Key in Florida where a number of CIA employes were training for an invasion of Cuba," the request said.

It also says Novel has been identified by a witness as a frequent visitor of Edgar Eugene Bradley in North Hollywood, Calif. Bradley has been charged in Orleans Parish as a conspirator in the Kennedy slaying.

Novel, the request says, has been identified by various witnesses as having been in various places in Dallas in 1963 which are under investigation by the DA's office.

"Gordon Novel has information on gun-running activities involving Clay L. Shaw who has been indicted by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury as a conspirator to the murder of John F. Kennedy, and Jack Ruby, whom it is commonly accepted is the slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald," the document says.

IT SAYS Steven Plotkin, Novel's attorney, when pressed for information relativ to the gun-running activities asserted the attorney-client privilege and named Gordon Novel as the client involved.

The document requests that Novel be taken into immediate custody and delivered to an officer of the state of Louisiana to assure his attendance.

It says Novel was subpenaed to appear before the grand jury March 17, 1967, and adds:

"Gordon Novel, by his own public admissions, sold his business on the weekend and left the city to avoid not only the aforedescribed subpena but also a new subpena which

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he knew had a issued but not served."

It says Novel was charged as a material witness and a warrant issued for his arrest, and goes on:

"SUBSEQUENT to the issuance of the warrant, Gordon Novel disguised himself in the clothing of a member of a particular religious order and by stealth and furtiveness returned to the state of Louisiana and removed his automobile.

"Subsequent to his having fled Louisiana, Gordon Novel traveled in secret to various places in the U.S. in the company of a member of a national news medium who aided and abetted Novel in his flight. Further, Novel has sought the aid of governmental agencies, particularly the CIA, to prevent his return to New Orleans."

Garrison, in a statement accompanying the subpenas, said Dulles was head of the CIA when its present techniques were developed.

"These techniques, although it is not generally known, have included the covert penetration of much of the fabric of American life — including schools, organizations of many types, news agencies and even churches," Garrison said.

The DA said witnesses familiar with the CIA's operations in a "geographical corridor" from California through Texas and Louisiana, eastward to Florida are particularly important because "this office has succeeded in identifying the assassination of President Kennedy as an operation conducted by elements of the CIA."

HE SAID virtually every key witness, defendant and potential defendant in the case has turned out to be originally from that "geographic strip."

Garrison said the Warren Commission was formed to "conceal the involvement of the CIA in the assassination." The commission members, he said, "appear to have participated in this tableau on the ground that 'national security' would be jeopardized if the truth were known by the people of this country."

Other evidence which possibly would have led to discovery of CIA involvement, Garrison said "was simply destroyed outright or never reported—such as the finding of bullets in Dealey Plaza immediately after the assassination."

SOME CIA employes, he said, were "accidentally" arrested at the scene and later released "without undue attention." He said his office has now identified the CIA employes involved and "is engaged in constructing cases against them."

He concluded:

"This office intends to demonstrate . . . that the CIA made a mistake in using Orleans Parish as a staging area for the assassination and that the federal government has made an equally bad mistake in attempting to conceal this fact and in attempting to obstruct justice in Orleans Parish."

ALLEN DULLES

GORDON NOVEL

26 FEB 1968

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8 February 1968

SUBJECT: NOVEL, Gordon
(See also FURR, Lloyd B.)
(See also ARCACHA-SMITH, Sergio)

ALLEGATION:

Gordon NOVEL, former owner of a French Quarter Bar in New Orleans, was subpoenaed by GARRISON as a material witness in March 1967 but NOVEL moved to Columbus, Ohio and has avoided extradition. GARRISON charged NOVEL with burglary of the Houma Munitions Bunker in 1961 together with David FERRIE and ARCACHA-SMITH. NOVEL claimed this was a CIA operation but later his attorney denied the story.

CIA CONNECTION:

None

SOURCE:

Numerous news items, the latest dtd in October 1967.

OS INDICES RESULTS:

Subject's file contains newspaper clippings dating from March 1967 when GARRISON charged him with conspiracy in connection with a burglary of a munitions bunker at Houma, Louisiana in 1961 together with David FERRIE and ARCACHA-SMITH. To avoid arrest, NOVEL left New Orleans, first going to McLean, Virginia where he was given a lie detector test by Lloyd B. FURR, a private detective. (See summary on FURR). This incident tended to give credence to NOVEL's initial claim that he was working for CIA because of the Agency's proximity to McLean, Va.

After NOVEL vacated his New Orleans apartment in March 1967 a letter written by him was found under the linoleum on a sink drainboard by the new tenant, a girl who turned it over to her boy friend, who gave it to a professor at a New Orleans university who in turn gave it to a reporter on the New Orleans STATES-ITEM, Hoke MAY.

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Hoke MAY was granted a Covert Security Approval in April 1958 for unwitting use by Project FJINDULGE. MAY was not to be directly employed by FJINDULGE but was to be used in connection with his position with a private firm which handled work for the Project. The letter was presumably written to a "Mr. WEISS" in CIA and referred to classified DOUBLE-CHEK activities in 1961 in which NOVEL claimed he was involved. This matter was reviewed by CI/R&A at the time the matter received publicity and it was determined that DOUBLE-CHEK was created by the Agency for the sole purpose of making payments to the widows of American flyers who participated in the Bay of Pigs. No connection with NOVEL could be established. NOVEL knew Sergio ARCACHA-SMITH who was New Orleans head of the Frente Revolucionario Democratico, an Agency created and supported anti-Castro organization. Although ARCACHA-SMITH had no Agency clearance, NOVEL could have gained an impression from him that he was employed by CIA.

In October 1967 NOVEL was granted immunity from arest by GARRISON on the Houma Bunker burglary charge and returned to Louisiana to testify before the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury in their probe on crime and labor troubles in the State of Louisiana.

DETAILS:

The Agency had no connection with the Houma Munitions Bunker. However, an Agency training site was located at Belle Chasse, Louisiana and Colonel Thomas BURBANK, State of Louisiana Police Superintendent, was one of the Louisiana officials witting of Agency affiliation with Belle Chasse. It is noted from news items concerning NOVEL's testimony before the Louisiana Labor probers in October 1967, that Colonel BURBANK was also a witness at the same time, although, there is no mention that BURBANK and NOVEL knew each other. BURBANK testified that every Louisiana sheriff was notified to "clean up" gambling and other vice in Louisiana.

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Novel Says Munitions Theft 'Set Up' by Agency—

Evidence Links CIA to DA Probe

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Do the long tentacles of the Central Intelligence Agency reach deep into Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation?

There is mounting evidence they do, and at least one Garrison probe figure intends to use CIA connections as part of his defense.

Still others linked to the Garrison investigation have been named as acting for the super secret espionage organization — as informers, as couriers and munitions carriers.

EVEN THE INVESTIGATION'S PIVOTAL figure, 54-year-old Clay L. Shaw, has had CIA connections attributed to him. Shaw, charged with complicity in Kennedy's death, was linked with the CIA by an influential Italian newspaper.

The strongest CIA ties lead to Gordon Novel, a 29-year-old fugitive witness who is fighting extradition at Columbus, Ohio.

Novel, a one-time New Orleans bar owner and

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electronics expert, has told a number of friends and intimates he was a CIA operative and will use this role to battle Garrison's charges.

The defense will be laid down, Novel says, if he is returned to New Orleans to face accusations that he burglarized an oil service company's munitions bunker in nearby Terrebonne Parish.

NOVEL'S ATTORNEY AT NEW ORLEANS, Steven Plotkin, would not deny his client's reported statements.

"I will neither confirm nor deny them," Plotkin said.

Novel is free in Columbus on $10,000 bond. He was arrested April 1 in suburban Gahanna, Ohio, on Garrison's warrant charging he helped plan the munitions burglary in 1961.

He is accused both of conspiracy and burglary along with 44-year-old Sergio Arcacha Smith of Dallas, once the leader of a militant anti-Castro organization in New Orleans. Garrison charges they conspired with another key JFK probe figure, David W. Ferrie, to stage the munitions theft.

Ferrie was a strange, hairless former airline pilot who died of what the Orleans Parish coroner called "natural causes" five days

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...New Orleans DA said Ferrie ... "one of history's most important men."

The charges against Novel and Arcacha are spinoffs from Garrison's main investigation. The prosecutor has called Novel "a very important witness" and has filed a material witness warrant against him.

Novel, who has to be one of history's most loquacious fugitives, has carried on a running long-distance feud with the man who wants him to do his talking before a grand jury. He repeatedly has called Garrison's investigation a "fraud" and a "fiction."

He has held a number of press conferences and submitted himself to a series of lie detector, truth serum and psychological tests to prove he is telling the truth. A psychologist at Columbus says mental tests indicate he is.

TO POLYGRAPH OPERATORS AND TO friends and associates, Novel has said the munitions burglary was no burglary at all — but a war materials pickup made at the direction of his CIA contact.

Publicly, Novel called the munitions incident "the most patriotic burglary in history" during a recent news interview. He immediately was shushed by his Columbus lawyer, Jerry Weiner.

Even more recently, Novel restated his charges against Garrison in a bylined story carried by The Dayton Daily News. Cryptically, he said, "I think Garrison will expose some CIA operations in Louisiana." He did not elaborate.

His oft-repeated but unpublished account of how the explosives disappeared describes the bunker he says he helped empty as a CIA staging point for munitions destined to be used as part of the abortive Bay of Pigs attack on Castro's Cuba in April, 1961.

PRIOR TO THAT DISASTROUS CIA-staged operation, Novel says, he was working for the intelligence service at New Orleans. Part of his job, he contends, was to operate the Evergreen Advertising Agency as a front for CIA communications.

With funds funneled to him by the CIA, Novel says he prepared special radio commercials used on 300 stations in the U.S. and Canada. Their cryptographic messages, he claims, were to alert agents to the invasion date. The commercials advertised aluminum Christmas trees, he says, and the key alert code names were "Star Christmas Trees" and "Holiday Trees." In late 1960, $72,000 worth of radio time was placed by the agency.

On the day the munitions were picked up, he says, he was called by his CIA contact and told to join a group which was ordered to transport munitions from the bunker to New Orleans. The key to the bunker, he says, was provided.

HE SAYS HE MADE THE TRIP in his own automobile, a Lincoln, and met several people there — all of them allegedly acting for the CIA. He identifies them as Ferrie, Arcacha, several Cubans, and another figure in the case.

They loaded the boxes of ordnance on trucks, he continues, and returned to New Orleans where the explosives were dropped in three spots — Ferrie's home, Novel's office building and the office of a stormy former FBI agent and New Orleans police official, Guy Banister, who died of a heart attack in the summer of 1964.

A friend of Banister's, a man whose word is considered reliable, told a reporter in New Orleans he saw 50 to 100 boxes of munitions in Banister's Lafayette st. office early in 1961.

Banister was a private detective then, operating a company called Guy Banister Associates. His friend said he saw the munitions in a storeroom-office, in boxes marked with the name "Schlumberger."

HE SAYS FIVE OR SIX OF THE BOXES were open. Inside, he says, were rifle grenades, land mines and some "little missiles" of a kind he had never seen before.

The friend said he remonstrated with Banister because "fooling with this kind of stuff could get you in trouble." He added:

"Banister said no, it was all right, that he had approval from somebody He said the stuff would just be there overnight, that somebody was supposed to pick it up. He said a bunch of fellows connected with the Cuban deal asked to leave it there overnight."

Banister's friend said this happened well before the April Bay of Pigs invasion.

The munitions, Novel says, were picked up and consolidated soon after the New Orleans drops. He says they eventually were taken by boat to Cuba for use in a diversionary operation staged in conjunction with the Bay of Pigs attack.

Cuban sources in New Orleans say the cadre of Cubans trained by the CIA on the city's West Bank in 1961 was sent to Varacoa to make a diversionary assault. The attack did not come off because Castro militia was waiting and took the group prisoner.

NOVEL'S ACCOUNT OF THE explosives caper sharply conflicts with Garrison's charges against Arcacha and Novel. The DA's accusation says the burglary took place after Aug. 1, 1961—three months after the Cuban disaster.

The DA accuses the two men of conspiring to burglarize a bunker at an abandoned military base at Houma. Garrison's bill of information says the bunker was leased by the Schlumberger Well Services Co. of Houston.

Schlumberger officials say they know nothing of any CIA operations in connection with their magazine, where oil field service equipment and certain low yield explosives are stored.

As to the date the Houma burglary happened, no one seems to know or will say exactly when it took place. Schlumberger says it has no records. The Houma police say their records are missing, and the Terrebonne Parish DA, Wilmore Broussard, will not reveal the date he charges Arcacha and Novel burglarized the Houma bunker. He said it is "material evidence" in his case.

PLOTKIN SAYS HE MADE A TRIP to Houma to get the date of his client's alleged offense and could not obtain it.

Shaw, a tall white-haired retired New Orleans businessman, who stoutly denies participating in a plot to kill Kennedy, was managing director of the International Trade Mart. He was with the organization for 19 years and in a favorable position to observe the movements of international commerce through America's second-ranking seaport.

On March 4, Paese Sera, an afternoon newspaper in Rome, carried a story which said Shaw is a director of a firm known as World Trade Center Corp. The newspaper, which is leftist in its political leanings, claimed the company was a CIA front operation.

It said the company moved its operations from Switzerland to Rome and has since transferred its offices to Johannesburg, South Africa, where it is still in existence.

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THE SAME STORY, MINUS THE CIA allegation, was published in Rome's conservative newspaper De La Sera, on March 5.

Incidental to his own story, Novel tells intimates the CIA may have asked Shaw to observe the traffic of foreign commerce through New Orleans.

In Ohio, Novel continues to live his free, loquacious life while waiting for the uncertain extradition machinery to grind away between governors' offices at Baton Rouge and Columbus.

He lives in a rent free apartment, drives a used car with dealer's tags and continues to promise he will send "Garrison down the drain" when what he says is the full truth is revealed.

Novel Not CIA Agent--Weiner

The Columbus, Ohio, attorney for Kennedy death plot investigation figure Gordon Novel said today that his client was never an agent for the CIA.

Attorney Jerry Weiner was commenting on a copyrighted story in the States-Item and the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News which reported evidence of links between Novel and the CIA.

"It's utterly ridiculous," he said. "Novel is not now and never has been a CIA agent."

At Dallas, Sergio Arcacha Smith declined comment on Novel's quoted account of the mysterious munitions incident at Houma in 1961. He told a reporter he would not have "anything to say about anything."

At Washington, meanwhile, the CIA was mum on the story.

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: GARRISON and the Kennedy Assassination: Gordon Dwane NOVEL

1. Summary of contents.

Gordon Dwane NOVEL has both claimed and denied affiliation with CIA. A thorough records check has shown no such affiliation. It seems plausible that the NBC is supporting and financing NOVEL in order to win a large audience for a later expose of GARRISON. In support of this plan NBC or NOVEL may have exaggerated his presumed relationship with Sergio ARCACHA Smith (who was also not CIA-employed) into an Agency affiliation and may have staged a dramatic ambush in Nashville. The NBC program, however, is reportedly still weeks away, and meanwhile GARRISON is attacking CIA vehemently.

2. Gordon Dwane NOVEL and his lawyers reportedly have claimed that he was associated with CIA, but have then denied such an association. One lawyer later reiterated the claim.

3. The files of the following Agency components have been checked for any record of Gordon Dwane NOVEL, including alternative spellings. All checks were negative (CIA held no information about NOVEL before the GARRISON probe started.)

a. RID.
b. CI/OA.
c. Office of Security.
d. WH/Cuban Operations Group.
e. Domestic Contact Service.
f. Interagency Source Register.
g. Domestic Operations Division.
h. Archives.

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4. NOVEL remains mysterious. Although the press has devoted much space to him, few facts have emerged. He has been described as a 29 year old former owner of a bar in the French quarter of New Orleans and as an expert in electronics. (New Orleans States - Item, 25 April 1967.) An FBI report (DDB-79248, 27 April 1967) terms him a former electronics salesman.

5. Nothing has been printed about the source or sources of his money since he left New Orleans for Columbus, Ohio, in mid-March 1967. It is known, however, that he is at liberty on a $10,000 bond. The New Orleans States - Item said on 25 April 1967 that NOVEL lives in a rent-free apartment in Columbus and drives a used car with dealer's tags.

6. The Washington Daily News of 27 March 1967 stated that during the weekend of 25-26 March NOVEL was in the Washington area (actually it was McLean, Virginia, a site which might have been chosen to land an air of plausibility to his claims of working for CIA). There he was given a polygraph examination by a private detective named Lloyd FURR. (Comment: As the Office of Security reported on 1 May 1967, the Washington firm REDEX is operated by FURR and Richard L. BAST, who is described as "unscrupulous and untrustworthy". BAST produces and sells, among other things, audio and counter-audio devices. The fact that NOVEL was a salesman of electronics gear suggests the otherwise unsupported hypothesis that he may have had an earlier relationship with REDEX, BAST, or FURR.)

7. On 29 March 1967 the New Orleans FBI office reported (file 89-69) that NOVEL had made a long distance call to that office from an unknown place. Among his remarks was the comment that he had "not furnished GARRISON with any information about 'double check' of Miami, which he inferred was a fringe Cuban operation in the Miami area but did not further identify." (Comment: Operation Double Chek appears on pp. 95, 76, 82, 84, 88, 89, 90, 146, and 246 of The Invisible Government, by David Wise and Thomas B. Ross. The book erroneously

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describes Double Chek as a cover and funding mechanism for recruiting and paying American flyers who participated at the Bay of Pigs. The General Counsel has informed CI/R&A that in fact Double Chek was created after the deaths of the flyers for the sole purpose of making payments to their widows.)

8. FBI memorandum DBB 76600, 29 March 1967, reported another long distance call by NOVEL to the New Orleans office. NOVEL said that Walter SHERIDAN, who is a Washington NBC news reporter, had the number of the telephone at which NOVEL could be reached. He also said that when he was given the polygraph test in Virginia, SHERIDAN was present. He added that he had given SHERIDAN information about polygraph tests run by GARRISON's staff. see P's 5, 6,

9. An 8 May 1967 memorandum from the Associate General Counsel states that he was given information about the GARRISON investigation by a Washington lawyer named Jack Miller, that Walter SHERIDAN was the source of Miller's information, that NBC has done a thirty minute show on GARRISON, and that it plans an hour-long show "for a few weeks from now". The show is expected to "bury" GARRISON.

10. In addition to his reference to Double Chek, NOVEL and his lawyers have made direct but contradictory statements about CIA.

a. "I think Garrison will expose some CIA operations in New Orleans." (New Orleans Times - Picayune, 19 April 1967.)

b. NOVEL reportedly stated to a representative of a well known news media "that he was employed by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and that the burglary of the munitions bunker at Houma, Louisiana, was not an actual burglary." He contended that CIA had made arrangements with the SCHLUMBERGER Well Drilling Corporation to keep ammunition, bomb casings, and other material in that bunker. He "indicated that he (NOVEL) and /Sergio/ Arcacha Smith are still employed by the CIA." NOVEL and others took bomb casings and other items from the bunker about three months after the Bay of Pigs. (Source: FBI memorandum, New Orleans office, 20 April 1967.) (Comment: Careful checking has shown that CIA did not have a contract with

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SCHLUMBERGER, as NOVEL has alleged, and did not have any munitions or similar materials stored with SCHLUMBERGER or at the Houma Air Base.)

c. The above "war materials pickup" was made by NOVEL and others "at the direction of his CIA contact." Part of NOVEL's job for CIA "was to operate the Evergreen Advertising Agency as a front for CIA communications". NOVEL prepared special radio commercials for use in the United States and Canada...to alert agents to the date of the Bay of Pigs invasion." Among code words used by NOVEL were "Star Christmas Trees" and "Holiday Trees". His agency placed $72,000 worth of radio time in 1960. (AP, New Orleans, 25 April 1967.) (Comment: As was previously reported, there is no record of the "Evergreen Advertising Agency". WH/COG queried a knowledgeable staff employee, now COS in [Santo Domingo] 16-10, who replied in [Santo Domingo] 16-10 3473, 12 May 1967, that NOVEL's allegations are not true; that he had never heard of NOVEL, his agency, or the code words; and that although "some meaningless code phrases were used on JMHOPE for psych reasons only", they were not sent out over U.S. commercial stations. The cable added that the Cuban Free Committee did contract time for routine exile broadcasts on a New Orleans station. It is clear, however, that NOVEL's allegations do not concern such broadcasts.)

d. Steven PLOTKIN, NOVEL's lawyer in New Orleans, said that he would neither confirm nor deny NOVEL's claims of CIA employment. His lawyer in Columbus, Jerry WEINER, said, "It's utterly ridiculous. NOVEL is not now and never has been a CIA agent." (New Orleans States - Item, 25 April 1967.) P.5

e. On 25 April 1967 NOVEL himself said in Columbus, "The statements that I worked for the CIA are absolutely incorrect...." (AP, 25 April 1967.)

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f. NOVEL's New Orleans attorney, Steve PLOTKIN, said he "served as an intermediary between the CIA and anti-Castro Cubans in New Orleans and Miami before the April, 1961, Bay of Pigs invasion. Plotkin maintained, though, that Novel had 'little or nothing to do with the Bay of Pigs invasion and certainly had absolutely nothing to do with the assassination of President Kennedy.'" (The Washington Post, 26 May 1967.)

11. On 7 May 1967 NOVEL again telephoned the FBI's office in New Orleans. He said that in the near future GARRISON would accuse the FBI of possessing originals of five letters: one from Clay SHAW to David FERRIE, one from Lee Harvey OSWALD to SHAW, one from FERRIE to Jack RUBY, one from RUBY to OSWALD, and one from Senator and former Attorney General Robert Kennedy to FERRIE. He added that GARRISON has a typewriter which FERRIE owned in 1963 and also has two typewriters, personal and business, belonging to SHAW. He said that GARRISON's chief investigator, William GURVICH, has a close relative, living in Russia, who was instrumental in designing the MIG. He remarked that GARRISON plans to subpoena an attorney, fnu MARTIN, allegedly associated with CIA. He said that Layton Patrick MARTENS was the "other" marine probably involved in the Houma bunker burglary. (FBI memorandum DBB 80563, 9 May 1967.) (Comment: Mr. Arthur Dooley of CI/R&A knew a Walter SHERIDAN who is believed identical with the Walter SHERIDAN of this report, who was an FBI special agent, and who worked for Senator Robert Kennedy when he was Attorney General.) (NR) (see P 3)

12. On or about 11 May 1967 GARRISON accused two lawyers, one of them PLOTKIN, of receiving CIA money. "We know that Mr. Plotkin has been receiving money, if only through an intermediary, from the CIA." Both lawyers denied the charge. (New Orleans, AP, 11 May 1967.) GARRISON later broadened this charge to include all defense attorneys. "Every lawyer involved in this case, without exception, involved in the attempts to derail the investigation, has been connected by us with the Central Intelligence Agency, Garrison said." (Washington Post, 29 May 1967.)

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13. On 22 May 1967 NOVEL telephoned an unidentified person in New Orleans and said that at 0200 hours on 21 May he and a friend of eleven years, Gary EDWARDS, were sitting in a radio station truck in Nashville, Tennessee. Bullets were fired at the truck. Neither man was struck by a bullet, but both were cut by flying glass. The Nashville police found the glass in the left door of the truck shattered and four or five indentations made by bullets on the right side of the truck's paneling. They said that the first report to them was made by Charles F. WALKER, president of radio station WKDA, who said that NOVEL had been wounded by a sniper and that he had come to Nashville at the request of WKDA and had agreed to disclose information that "would blow the New Orleans investigation wide open." A Nashville police detective said five shots were fired at the truck and that traces, apparently of blood, were found. However, Nashville authorities noted that Mr. WALKER first telephoned them thirteen hours after the alleged incident. By then NOVEL and EDWARDS were allegedly in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Efforts made in Kentucky to verify NOVEL's claim that his injuries had been treated at a hospital were unsuccessful. WALKER said that just before the shooting NOVEL was on the verge of returning to Columbus. He said that NOVEL and EDWARDS left Nashville immediately after the shooting and that EDWARDS was proceeding to Washington. EDWARDS' real name, according to another but unidentified spokesman for the radio station, is Gerald MUNDY. (New Orleans States-Item, 22 May 1967.)

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14. Several newspapers have carried the story that NOVEL is suing GARRISON for $50,000,000.

15. JMWAVE was asked to show a Miami Herald photograph of NOVEL to a well placed and well informed asset, AMOT/2, without devulging NOVEL's name or making any statement about him. JMWAVE 7427, 27 May 1967, reported that AMOT/2 did not recognize the photo and could not identify the person whose likeness he saw. The purpose was to test the possibility that NOVEL had been involved in CIA activities under another name.

16. It is requested that the Office of the Assistant to the Director advise CI/R&A whether it has any information about Walter SHERIDAN.

Gerald MUNDY @ Gary EDWARDS, and any association between them, as well as any information about whether Station WKDA in Nashville is affiliated or otherwise associated with NBC.

17. If the surmise that NBC is building up NOVEL as a latter day David who is to slay the jolly green giant is correct, then a CIA exposure of NOVEL's claims of Agency affiliation as false might be damaging to our own interests. On the other hand, the likelihood that an NBC anti-Garrison program is still weeks away from presentation is disturbing. A recent Harris survey (Washington Post, 29 May 1967) shows that 66% of the persons queried now believe that the assassination was not the work of one man but was rather part of a broader plot or conspiracy. The Garrison probe is termed a major contributor to the growing public doubt. GARRISON's venomous attack on CIA during his ABC interview of 28 May 1967 was preceded by a barrage of earlier charges and will predictably be followed by more.

18. There may be a shadow of justification for NOVEL's claim of association with CIA. He has asserted that he knew Sergio ARCACHA Smith and that ARCACHA was one of the participants in the pickup at the Houma bunker. Our records show that CIA never recruited or paid ARCACHA directly. He was, however, the delegate of the Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD, or Democratic Revolutionary Front) in New Orleans. He reported to FRD headquarters in Miami by mail. The FRD was created with CIA assistance, guidance, and financial support in May 1960. Its leader was Dr. Jose MIRO Cardona. He or his assistants may have passed funds to ARCACHA, who may have briefed or even employed NOVEL. see P.8

19. On 28 May 1967 NOVEL sent the following telegram to the DCI:

> "Richard Helms
> "Central Intelligence Agency McLean Vir
> "Attn UNCLE Hdqrs Good Guys Div. Regarding Garrison conspiracy case; code reference JACKASS. Dear Richard. Today according to the jolly green giant (Mr. Garrison) 'You are paying my legal fees in Louisiana and Ohio.'"

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"Since my attorneys are crying and pressing me because of not being paid for my various legal wrecking moves on his jolly big fraud, I am going to instruct them to send you chaps immediately an itemized bill. If, and I do mean if, Garrison is correct, I am going to instruct the same attorneys to sue the h--- out of your bad guys in the accounting department for welching on your debts. Instead of a no comment S.O.P. reply, how about a public ha-ha.

"P.S. Right now I don't think sending him to Viet Nam is a good idea in view of national interest anymore. Perhaps Rome he could reopen the case on Caesars assassination. He believes Brutus and Cassius were framed. Like in his words, 'beyond a shadow of a doubt, absolutely.'" Truly yours, Gordon Novel.

UNCLE H---S.O.P. Ha-ha P.S.

The partial sentence reading "...I am going to instruct the same attorneys to sue the h--- out of your bad guys in the accounting department for welching on your debts", quoted out of context, would reinforce NOVEL's false claim to affiliation with CIA. It will be interesting to note whether he releases this telegram to the press.

Addendum

It has been noted that NOVEL probably served as an FBI informant for an unknown period before he left New Orleans in mid-March 1967. FBI report DBB 73269, New Orleans office, 21 February 1967, is ascribed to a "confidential source who in the past furnished insufficient information to determine reliability." This source describes the group that carried out the theft from the Houma bunker as consisting of his own ex-wife (but not himself), his partner (unidentified), Sergio ARCACHA Smith, David FERRIE, two ex-marines, and another man, also unidentified. He also said that one of the cars used for the trip to Houma was his own 1956 Lincoln Supreme. This report contains no mention of CIA. The New Orleans States - Item of 25 April 1967 quotes NOVEL as saying that CIA ordered him to join the group, which he identified as consisting of ARCACHA, FERRIE, several Cubans, and

"another figure in the case". He is also quoted as saying that he made the trip in his own car, a Lincoln.

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Attorney Admits Novel CIA Agent

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righted story April 25.

Garrison has charged that persons connected with the CIA became angry at Kennedy and plotted his death at Dallas. He has charged the CIA with fomenting a "monstrous coverup" and duping the Warren Commission.

PLOTKIN SAID NOVEL'S CIA WORK had "little or nothing to do with the Bay of Pigs invasion and certainly had absolutely nothing to do with the assassination of President Kennedy."

The attorney said Novel worked as what he termed "chief of security" for Garrison before "his forced departure from New Orleans."

But the lawyer declared his client actually was serving as a double agent in the employ of a "national news media."

When Novel left here in mid-March, he went first to McLean, Va., to take a lie detector test. McLean is the headquarters of the CIA.

Plotkin said Novel has tapes, photographs and other data which will be released shortly and will "prove beyond any shadow of a doubt that Mr. Garrison's investigation is a fraud and a hoax."

HE SAID NOVEL has turned the information over to a national news medium and that tape recordings and other matters in Plotkin's possession will be released in case Novel dies.

In the handwritten letter draft found in a hiding place at Novel's former French Quarter apartment, the fugitive witness tells "Mr. Weiss":

"Our attorneys and others are in possession of complete sealed files containing all information concerning this matter. In the event of our sudden departure, either accidental or otherwise, they are instructed to simultaneously release same for public scrutiny in different areas . . ."

At the same time, the letter speaks of taking "appropriate counteraction relative to Garrison's inquisition concerning us . . ."

It suggests that the business of handling Garrison may best be carried on "through military channels vis a vis the D.I.A. man."

D.I.A. is the abbreviation for Defense Intelligence Agency, an organization established by President Kennedy to supervise CIA after the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion.

Speaking of the letter draft today, Plotkin said the "letter was intended to the addressee of th letter."

"As to the contents of the letter or whether the letter was actually sent, I don't know," he added.

"NEVERTHELESS," Plotkin admitted, "the only comment is that everything in the letter as far as Novel is concerned is actually the truth."

Plotkin said the purpose of the letter was to inform "the person to whom the letter was addressed . . . of activities going on in Louisiana."

Garrison has charged that Plotkin and other lawyers representing figures in the Kennedy inquiry are being paid by the CIA. Plotkin has denied the allegation.

THE LETTER draft, which a handwriting expert says was written by Novel, is a strange concoction of clipped phrases, cloak and dagger terminology and veiled references to "top secret" activities.

It begins:

"This letter is to inform you that District (Attorney) Jim Garrison has subpenaed myself and an associate to testify before his Grand Jury on matters which may be classified TOP SECRET. Actions of individuals connected with DOUBLE-CHEK CORPORATION in Miami in the first quarter of 1961."

The recent book, "The Invisible Government," which carries details of CIA operations, identifies Double-Chek of Miami as a CIA front.

On page 79, the book declares that Double-Chek was the company through which pilots and other persons connected with anti-Castro Cuban operations were recruited.

"We have no current contact available to inform of this situation," the Novel letter draft continues. "So I took the liberty of writing you direct and appraising you of current situation . . . expecting you to forward this through appropriate channels."

Although the draft is undated, the sequence of events it relates places its writing sometime in late January or early February.

It tells of "avoiding" one Garrison subpena but says that attorneys have warned other subpenas are to follow.

"The Fifth Amendment and/or immunity (and) legal tactics will not suffice," the letter states.

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S-I Uncovers Letter

By JOHN McMILLAN AND HOKE MAY

Gordon Novel's New Orleans attorney today said his client worked for the Central Intelligence Agency here in early 1961.

The public statement by Steven Plotkin followed the States-Item's discovery of a letter which Plotkin said was written by Novel and apparently directed to an official of the CIA.

Plotkin reported that Novel drafted the penciled letter, which was found in the 29-

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year-old former tavern owner's one-time French Quarter apartment.

In the letter, Novel tells a "Mr. Weiss" that he wants to be taken "out of this mess" by an unspecified date in March of 1967.

Novel, whom Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison has called an important witness in his Kennedy death plot investigation, disappeared from New Orleans in mid-March.

HE WAS ARRESTED APRIL 1 AT Gahanna, Ohio, on a warrant charging him with conspiracy to burglarize an oil service company's munitions bunker at Houma in 1961.

Since that time, he has been free on $10,000 bond while fighting extradition from Ohio.

Today, Plotkin said his client served as an intermediary between the CIA and anti-Castro Cubans in New Orleans and Miami prior to the April, 1961, Bay of Pigs invasion.

Novel's role as a CIA operative was first disclosed by the States-Item in a copy-

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'IMMUNITY TIME TOO SHORT'

Novel Rejects Labor Probe Bid

(States-Item Bureau)

BATON ROUGE—Much sought-after witness Gordon Novel has refused to testify before the state Labor-Management Commission of Inquiry investigating labor troubles in the Baton Rouge area.

Novel testified at length yesterday before the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury in connection with its probe of organized crime.

Afterwards, East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney Sargent Pitcher said the jury dismissed Novel and he is free to leave the state.

It was not known whether he left immediately, but when the labor probers asked Novel to testify, his attorneys told them the witness' 48-hour period of immunity from arrest in Louisiana wouldn't stretch far enough to permit such testimony.

NOVEL also sought by Orleans Parish DA Jim Garrison in his probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, was granted the 48-hour immunity as his condition in return for telling what he knew about organized crime.

Attorneys for Novel and the labor probe commission agreed commission investigators could interview Novel after he leaves the state.

Novel's grace period was to expire some time today. If he were still in the state, he would be liable to arrest on Orleans Parish charges of conspiracy to commit burglary, of being a fugitive witness, and a Terrebonne Parish charge of simple burglary.

THE LABOR probers sought to question Novel at the request of Edward Partin, Baton Rouge Teamster leader, who has figured in the board's investigation.

In a nine-hour session before the jury yesterday, Novel had time to tell all he knew about crime, corruption, Garrison and anything else he deemed pertinent.

However, at a lengthy press conference afterwards he tossed out a lot of innuendos, ducked specifics, said Clay Shaw was a "patsy," and declared he had been offered a bribe to help free imprisoned Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa.

Shaw is the retired New Orleans businessman accused by Garrison of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy.

THE JURY dismissed Novel after listening to him on and off from 10:15 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. yesterday. It is scheduled to resume its work today.

Novel was brought to the state from Columbus, Ohio, where he took refuge after fleeing the grasp of Garrison. He was brought in by a Baton Rouge sheriff's department plane.

Pitcher said he was not free to comment on what ac-

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tion the jury might take on Novel's testimony.

THE BATON Rouge jury has been studying organized crime, the Hoffa affair and unsolved bombings.

Novel was flanked by five attorneys during the press conference. The five, including Steve Plotkin of New Orleans, and Jerry Weiner of Columbus, met frequently outside the jury room with Novel during the day.

The 29-year-old former New Orleans lounge owner would testify for a while, leave the grand jury room for a brief period, and tell his attorneys what had transpired, and then return to the room.

He left the grand jury building for about 20 minutes during the day to bring material from his room at a motel near the state capitol. Sandwiches were brought into the jury room for lunch.

NOVEL declared — when asked for specific information on crime and corruption—that an effort had been made by an investigator in New Orleans to get him to provide an affidavit saying Walter Sheridan had used bugging equipment against Hoffa.

Sheridan is a former Justice Department investigator who became an investigative reporter for the National Broadcasting Co. and helped produce a program critical of Garrison.

Novel said both money and withdrawal of charges in New Orleans against him in New Orleans were offered.

NOVEL, who claims to be a former employe of the Central Intelligence Agency, declined to reveal the source of his income since he left Louisiana. He said he had money at the time.

He also said he, himself, is paying his battery of attorneys, one of whom Garrison insists is being financed by the CIA.

When asked what specific evidence he had to support his charge that Garrison's Kennedy investigation is a fraud, Novel said he had once discussed with the DA the means of obtaining a con-

deceased pilot Garrison says was a key part of the assassination plot.

Novel said that on Feb. 21 Garrison proposed a three-part plan to get Ferrie's "confession."

MUCH OF his information on crime in the state, Novel said, was turned over to Life Magazine before his grand jury testimony.

Most of the information on several tapes, relates to the Garrison probe "and will be made available at the proper time," Novel said.

Novel said he would like to testify at the conspiracy trial of Shaw, now scheduled next February.

"This is the patsy of the century," he said of Shaw. Of the probe, he said "from A to Z it is a fraud."

Burbank Orders State Vice Cleanup

State Police Superintendent Col. Thomas Burbank says he has notified every Louisiana sheriff to "clean up" any illegal gambling or other vice.

However, Burbank told newsmen yesterday there does not seem to be a lot to clean up—in the way of gambling, anyway.

There is no big syndicate gambling operation dominating Louisiana insofar as the state police know, said Burbank.

His comments came just before he went before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury to report on recent state police investigations of alleged organized crime.

Earlier the jury heard Dist. Atty. William Cahn of Nassau County, New York.

Cahn said he came here to testify in detail about a multi-million-dollar layoff betting syndicate which included a New Orleans center.

Acting Dist. Atty. Charles Ray Ward said the syndicate's center used to be in New Orleans, but moved to an adjoining parish because of pressure from the DA's office.

Ward said there is no evidence the betting is part of any Cosa Nostra network.

Because there is no evidence that key bookie operations now exist in Orleans Parish, W— [illegible] do not expe—

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TWO GRAND JURIES PUSH CRIME PROBE

Times-Picayune

Burbank, Cahn, Novel Give Testimony

20 Oct 67.

The grand juries of Orleans and East Baton Rouge Parishes continued their twin probes of organized crime in Louisiana Thursday by calling a string of prominent personalities to testify.

Included in the notable parade were state police Supt. Thomas Burbank, Nassau County (New York) District Attorney William Cahn and former New Orleans bar operator Gordon Novel, who gained fame as the elusive witness in District Attorney Jim Garrison's presidential assassination probe.

Novel testified before the East Baton Rouge jurors, while Burbank and Cahn huddled with the Orleans jurors during a lengthy testifying session in the afternoon.

Prior to entering the grand jury room, Burbank maintained that, to his knowledge, there is no syndicated gambling [illegible] operation dominating the state [illegible] admitted there may be [illegible] small-time betting [illegible]

COL. THOMAS BURBANK
Appears Before Grand Jury

GORDON NOVEL

SHERIFFS NOTIFIED

Burbank disclosed that his [illegible] has notified every sheriff in the state that the state government expects them to clean up any illegal gambling, prostitution and other vices which may be in existence.

Burbank said he was doubtful whether Louisiana could rid itself entirely of such crime, but indicated that it was possible to clamp down on criminal [illegible]. He said there are many other states that need "cleaning up" more than Louisiana.

Cahn, who uncovered a multi-million dollar national gambling ring operating in Nassau County and other areas including New Orleans, went before the grand jury in mid-afternoon. During a press conference Wednesday, Cahn contended the gambling ring was still in operation.

In Baton Rouge, Novel flew

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GRAND JURIES PUSH PROBE

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into the capital city from Columbus, Ohio, under immunity from arrest. In his possession was a tape recording which he said would make his testimony sensational.

WOULD TAKE TEST

Surrounded by lawyers, Novel refused to talk with newsmen except to say that he would take a lie detector test to back his statements to the grand jury.

In a related happening Thursday in Austin, Tex., a hearing was set for Nov. 21 to decide whether Texas should extradite New Orleans contractor D'Alton Smith to face charges of offering a $25,000 bribe to Aubrey Young, a former aide to Gov. John J. McKeithen.

Young was mentioned in one of a series of articles in Life Magazine which asserted that organized crime was rampant in the state. The articles triggered the grand jury investigations.

In the Orleans probe, Asst. Dist. Atty. Charles Ray Ward denied Thursday that the gambling ring uncovered by the Nassau district attorney was still operating in New Orleans. Ward said pressure from the local district attorney's office had caused the operation to move to a neighboring parish.

REASON FOR SUBPENA

Ward emphasized that Burbank was subpenaed for questioning to determine if any significant information has been gathered concerning New Orleans in the state police investigation into organized crime.

He said the state police has been conducting an extensive investigation in the city during the past 10 days.

In New Orleans, Baton Rouge and throughout the state, strong doubt has been voiced by authorities over whether Novel actually has the "sensational" information he claims. Novel is [illegible] to have taped conversations in the governor's office after having been hired by Young to "de-bug" the governor's suite.

[illegible] Rouge DA Sargent Pitcher did not appear to be impressed with Novel's information after having lengthy talks with him [illegible] Novel would [illegible] the grand jury.

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Young has stated that he brought in Novel to determine whether McKeithen's phones had [illegible]

LABOR BOARD PROBE

In another development, the Labor-Management Board of Inquiries came into the picture to question Novel at the suggestion of Baton Rouge Teamsters boss Edward G. Partin. The board is investigating labor racketeering in the area.

The board's chief counsel, Camille Gravel, and its chief investigator, A. Harry Roberts, talked with Pitcher to see if an agreement could be worked out for a meeting with Novel. Also present at the conference were Novel's attorneys.

Failure of the board to interview Novel, said Partin, would be "continuing proof that the main endeavor has been to make me and Local 5 scapegoats."

Gravel said he was uncertain whether he could subpena Novel because of the immunity granted him.

There was an indication that Novel may also testify before the grand jury on Friday. According to Pitcher, Novel would remain under the immunity as long as he is in Louisiana for grand jury appearances.

LONG STATEMENT

Novel, presently under indictment by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury for conspiracy to commit burglary, once issued a lengthy statement saying that he knew of criminal influence and activity in Louisiana.

In his desire to have Novel returned to the state to testify, McKeithen gave Pitcher $3,500 from his law enforcement fund to finance Novel's return.

The only indictment handed down so far by the grand jury in Baton Rouge has been against Smith. The indictment charged that Smith committed public bribery by offering Young $25,000 to set up a meeting between himself and Partin, whose testimony was valuable in sending Teamsters head James R. Hoffa to prison.

In New Orleans, Ward said that the reported gambling ring uncovered by Cahn was not limited to the Crescent City.

"It is not limited to New Orleans and probably exists in every major city in the United States," said Ward. "These lay-off bookie operations involve every city in the United States and several in Canada where there is any betting on pro or college sports," he added.

HANDBOOK BETTING

Asked if handbook betting could be termed as organized crime, Ward replied: "There is not one bit of evidence to indicate that this is part of any Cosa Nostra or Mafia network.

"As a matter of fact, our evidence indicates that this is the typical layoff bookie operation, necessary wherever bets are made, in which small bookies who have received bets that are too large phone the bets to a larger operator," Ward said.

Ward, who is presently acting as district attorney in Garrison's absence, said that although no large-scale gambling operations are now operating in New Orleans, "this does not mean that you cannot make a bet on an athletic event in Orleans Parish and that this bet will not be called to a book by use of a telephone.

"You can make a bet in any city in the United States, including New Orleans, but the books themselves are not operating in Orleans Parish."

Because there is no evidence that key bookie operations now exist in Orleans Parish, Ward concluded, "I do not expect any immediate indictments to be issued by the grand jury."

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Gordon Novel in Baton Rouge

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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Traveling in the sheriff's plane, Gordon Novel arrived here Wednesday from Ohio. He testified Thursday before the East Baton Rouge Parish grand jury in its probe of organized crime.

Accompanied by his Columbus, Ohio, lawyer and another man, Novel was hurried from the airport to Dist. Atty. Sargent Pitcher's office, where a conference stretched more than two hours.

Plainclothes sheriff's deputies were stationed around the building in a tight security guard.

The East Baton Rouge Parish sheriff's plane picked up the three men in Columbus for the flight to Baton Rouge.

GORDON NOVEL

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Star Crime Witnesses Face Juries

Louisiana Supt. of State Police Thomas Burbank has been subpenaed to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury at 3 p.m. today.

The statewide probe into allegations of organized crime in Louisiana resumes today with a New York district attorney testifying here while long sought witness Gordon Novel appears before the Baton Rouge grand jury.

William Cahn, who said yesterday upon his arrival from Nassau County where he is district attorney, that New Orleans plays a key role in a $100 million-a-year gambling operation, is scheduled to take his evidence before the grand jury here.

In Baton Rouge, meanwhile, the elusive Novel, who fled the state just ahead of a subpena from Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, returned to Louisiana last night under a shield of immunity from arrest during his stay. He has promised con-

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siderable information about crime in the state.

CAHN, who held a press conference in Garrison's office, said he had brought evidence with him concerning a sports betting syndicate touching New Orleans, Miami, Nassau County and other cities.

He said the syndicate does more than $100 million a year business in his jurisdiction alone. He said most of his information was obtained by wiretapping, which he called the most effective way of gaining information about illegal operations.

He said that his evidence concerns in part a college football coach who allegedly bet $20,000 on his own team. Although he refused to name the coach publicly, he said he might reveal the name of the coach to the grand jury.

IN BATON ROUGE, Novel talked for four hours last night with East Baton Rouge Parish Dist. Atty. Sargent Pitchre after his arrival from Columbus, Ohio, where he has been living since selling his lounge and fleeing the state. Garrison had sought Novel in connection with his investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

The far-reaching probe into organized crime in the state was launched last month after Life magazine published articles saying that crime and corruption were flourishing in Louisiana.

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Novel to Testify Oct. 20 Before BR Grand Jury

(Special to the States-Item)

BATON ROUGE—Gordon Novel, the former New Orleans lounge owner who claims to have important information concerning organized crime in Louisiana, is scheduled to testify before the grand jury here Oct. 20.

Dist. Atty. Sargent Pitcher said yesterday that the stage is set for the elusive Novel's return to Louisiana from Columbus, Ohio, where he sought sanctuary from New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who subpoenaed him in connection with his investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

NOVEL HAS been granted immunity from prosecution on his return to the state.

Yesterday Pitcher and several member of the grand jury listened to a 35-minute interview with Novel which has been tape recorded by a Baton Rouge radio station. Jules d'Hemecourt, the news director of WJBO, said the station's files on organized crime have been subpoenaed by the grand jury.

Meanwhile, Gov. John J. McKeithen has signed a request for extradition of D'Alton Smith, a New Orleans contractor arrested in Texas. The grand jury indicted Smith on a charge of public bribery.

The indictment accuses Smith of offering $5,000 to Aubrey Young, a former aide to McKeithen, to introduce him to set up a meeting between Smith and Edward G. Partin, a Baton Rouge Teamster official.

Partin has said he was of- [illegible] change his [illegible] [illegible] jury tampering in 1964.

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'LIFE' REPORTER GRANTED STAY

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Court Holds Up Grand Jury Appearance

Times-Picayune

An order staying appearance of David L. Chandler, a Life Magazine writer, before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury was issued about 1:20 p. m. Wednesday, 10 minutes before his scheduled appearance.

The Louisiana Supreme Court issued the stay order until further order of the court and gave Chandler five days to file necessary documents in support of his application.

Also, self-admitted former Ku Klux Klan leader Jules Kimble testified before the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury which is investigating both the May bombing of the home of AFL-CIO president Victor Bussie and allegations that organized crime is being conducted in Louisiana.

Kimble has said he can name three persons who plotted to bomb Bussie's Baton Rouge home and the Port Allen home of a Negro school teacher active in civil rights work.

JUDGE TESTIFIES

In New Orleans, Municipal Court Judge Andrew G. Bucaro was locked in with the grand jury here for about an hour. The jury adjourned for the day shortly after 4 p.m. but did not report on a judge.

Cicero C. Sessions, Chandler's lawyer, appealed to the Supreme Court after Criminal District Court Judge Matthew S. Braniff overruled a motion to quash Chandler's subpena.

Judge Braniff gave Chandler's attorneys until 11 a.m. Monday to file an appeal, but in the meantime refused to stay the matter.

He originally set a deadline of 11 a.m. Friday, but changed the date when he learned Chandler is under another subpena to appear in Vidalia at 9 a.m. Friday before the Concordia Parish Grand Jury.

Chandler's attorney also filed a motion that Chandler be allowed to have his lawyer present in the grand jury session. Other motions filed for Chandler were to recuse District Attorney Jim Garrison and his staff, to compel Garrison and the grand jury foreman to state in open court the crime under investigation and to quash Chandler's grand jury subpena, and a motion asking for a copy of questions and answers elicited from Chandler during questioning by Assistant District Attorney Charles Ward Jan. 26.

REFUSAL ALLEGED

Ward reacted sharply to Chandler's attempt to avoid a grand jury appearance, saying that in effect Chandler "has refused to testify and tell the truth claiming that the truth would tend to incriminate him.

"It is unbelievable that a man who is directly responsible for charging that organized crime is flourishing in New Orleans should claim the 5th Amendment just as a common criminal would."

Chandler told The Times-Picayune late Wednesday afternoon that, although the Concordia Parish subpena was served on him, he "talked it over" with the Concordia district attorney and was actually going to appear voluntarily.

"We (Chandler and his attorney) don't mind testifying before grand juries in cases where threats have not been made," said Chandler. He claimed that threats were made against him by Garrison as a result of references to organized crime in New Orleans made in the Life articles.

The motion to recuse said Life stories on organized crime and other stories concerning Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy have been publicly denied by Garrison or members of his staff.

This showed personal animosity on Garrison's part, it said, "which is inconsistent with the impartial administration of justice."

It charged the district attorney had his office illegally misuse the grand jury's subpena power by having Chandler subpenaed to appear before the jury Jan. 26 when he was not actually wanted by the jury.

OATH ALLEGED

The motion said Chandler was required to make a sworn statement to Ward, "who castigated him for his investigation and threatened him with criminal prosecution."

It charged Garrison wants to get Chandler in front of the grand jury to entrap him and then prosecute him for perjury. It also alleged that Garrison is pursuing a scheme to prevent Chandler "from pursuing his privilege under the First Amendment to investigate crime" as a news reporter.

The third motion said Chandler was informed that the district attorney said he is going to arrest Chandler and prosecute him criminally.

It said the subpena violates Chandler's right to remain silent and not give evidence against himself.

The Supreme Court, after granting the stay order and five days for Chandler to answer, gave the district attorney three days after that to file a return with the court.

The twin Orleans-East Baton Rouge probes Wednesday included questioning by investigators of C. H. Downs, aide to Gov. John J. McKeithen, about a Capitol telephone which allegedly was used for conversations between rackets figure Carlos Marcello and former McKeithen aide Aubrey Young.

Before Kimble's testimony he was tranpsorted to Baton Rouge from New Orleans where he was under $5,000 bond in Parish Prison on charges of impersonating a state police trooper.

Young, until recently an inmate of Southeast Louisiana Hospital in Mandeville, has turned state's evidence in the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury investigation.

INDICTMENT MADE

The jury returned an indictment against former New Orleans contractor D'Alton Smith for public bribery in an alleged offer of $25,000 to Young to arrange a meeting in an effort to purchase freedom for convicted Teamster head James R. Hoffa.

In the questioning of Downs, it was pointed out that his office was in the section that served as the governor's office at the time of the alleged telephone calls between Marcello and Young. The governor's office complex has since been moved higher in the Capitol building.

Life Magazine claims that there may have been up to 60 conversations between Young and Marcello on the telephone involved, but Young has testified that only two such calls took place.

McKeithen has reclaimed a colonel's commission from Joseph Marcello, Carlos' brother, which he said was issued in error.

In a related issue, East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney Sargent Pitcher said Wednesday he was not able to reach an attorney for Gordon Novel in Columbus, Ohio, to make final plans for Novel's return here to testify before the grand jury in Baton Rouge.

Jerry Weiner, Novel's attorney, told Pitcher that he would call him at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday to discuss Novel's return, but the call never came.

Novel, former New Orleans night club operator, agreed to return to Louisiana to give testimony in Baton Rouge if he is given immunity from arrest in connection with Garrison's probe. He is also wanted by Garrison for questioning in the Kennedy murder. Immunity has been granted.

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Crime Probe Resumed By 2 Juries

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Two grand juries—one here, the other in Baton Rouge—return to secret session today in their probe into accusations of organized crime in Louisiana.

Scheduled to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury was David Chandler, the area representative of Life magazine, which launched the probe with several articles alleging that organized crime's influence reached into high governmental offices.

In Baton Rouge the jury goes into session prepared to hear this week from the man who claims he holds the key to sensational disclosures concerning organized crime in Louisiana.

EAST BATON Rouge Parish Dist. Atty. Sargent Pitcher said that Gordon Novel, a former New Orleans lounge operator, has agreed to return from his sonctuary in Colum-

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bus, Ohio. Novel fled the state last March just ahead of a subpena from Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who wants to question him in connection with the investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

Pitcher said Novel's Ohio lawyer has daccepted a new set of documents assurnig Novel of immunity from arrest while back in the state. Novel demanded and was given signed affidavits from Gov. John J. McKeithen and various district attorneys saying he would not be arrested while here, Pitcher said.

Meanwhile in Jefferson Parish, Dist. Atty. Frank Langridge has announced that he will open an investigation into charges of organized crime, using investigators on his office staff.

Langridge said he may call the grand jury into the investigation, depending on evidence developed by his investigators. Several weeks ago Langridge said he was going before the jury with the Life magazine charges. However, he later said he would wait until he learned what evidence was developed by Gov. McKeithen.

"I'm sure there's not organized crime in th eparish but I'm going ahead with the investigation anyway," he said yesterday.

ALTHOUGH he said he has not been apprised of the governor's evidence, Langridge said he is willing to cooperate with the governor and to assist state police in their investigation.

In another matter the Orleans grand jury will hear charges against Richard Brown, 21, Negro, 318 S. Dorgenois, and Henry Johnson, 19, Negro, 2507 Beelmont, both accused of the murder of Police Sgt. Lloyd Verrett.

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Novel Appearance in Louisiana Is Agreed by Attorney-Pitcher

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Dist. Atty. Sargent Pitcher said Tuesday Gordon Novel's attorney agreed to his appearance before a grand jury probing influence on Louisiana government here.

Pitcher said attorney Jerry Weiner of Columbus, Ohio, had told him the only thing remaining that could prevent Novel from coming here later this week to testify was whether anything on his own docket would permit it.

"He will call me in the morning and let me know if we have a deal," Pitcher said.

Weiner agreed a new set of documents assuring Novel of immunity from arrest while in Louisiana were what he had specified, the district attorney said.

The grand jury returns into session Wednesday.

Novel, wanted for questioning in New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe, has claimed he has sensational information for the grand jury here.

He found refuge in Columbus, Ohio, when the Orleans Parish [illegible] subpena for him to testify in the Kennedy assassination probe.

The local district attorney prepared an earlier set of documents seeking to calm Novel's fears of arrest here but Novel demanded and was given signed affidavits from the [illegible] prosecutors.

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Extradition Moves Are Made

Baton Rouge DA Seeking Smith, Novel

By JACK OWENS

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—The district attorney here Monday made first formal moves toward extradition of Dalton Smith from Denton, Tex., where he surrendered on a grand jury indictment for public bribery.

Dist. Atty. Sargent Pitcher also circulated a document intended to give Gordon Novel additional assurance that he will not be arrested in the New Orleans Kennedy assassination probe if he comes here to give what he calls sensational testimony about racketeering.

"If necessary, I will give him a personal escort," Pitcher said of Novel.

The former New Orleans barkeeper has found refuge in Columbus, Ohio. Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of New Orleans has sought without success to question him in his Kennedy assassination probe.

Pitcher advised the district attorney at Denton that he expected extradition request papers for Smith to be signed later this week by Gov. John McKeithen.

SMITH INDICTED

Smith was indicted by the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury in its probe into published claims that racketeers exercise influence over state government.

He was accused of offering Aubrey Young, former aide to McKeithen, $25,000 to influence him in his post, an offer which authorities said was part of an effort to buy freedom for former Teamster Union President James Hoffa. The former Teamster boss was imprisoned for jury tampering.

A man who said he was Smith turned himself in to authorities at Denton, and was released on $1,500 fugitive bond. His attorneys have offered to produce him whenever a court hearing is set on his extradition.

Smith is the only person so far indicted by the grand jury, which has recessed its probe until Wednesday.

Young has said he received telephone calls from Carlos Marcello, New Orleans area rackets figure, in McKeithen's office.

He has said he arranged for Smith a meeting with Edward Grady Partin, local Teamster official who claims he was offered $1 million to change his testimony so Hoffa could be freed. [illegible]

And Young has said he once engaged Novel to install electronic debugging equipment in McKeithen's office, where he served as McKeithen's security officer.

TRIP TAKEN

Pitcher has been working for more than a week to get Novel back here to testify. He took a trip to Chicago, and he has contacted Novel's attorney several times to make arrangements that will satisfy him.

Already, the district attorney has gotten letters from the governor, Garrison and other prosecutors assuring that Novel will be allowed to tell what he knows to the grand jury here without being jailed on other charges.

Pitcher cited a reciprocal law effective in both Ohio and Louisiana that guarantees immunity from arrest for such grand jury witnesses brought in from other states.

Still, this apparently was not enough to satisfy Novel or his attorney. He asked for sworn affidavits from all concerned.

Pitcher agreed to provide a "round robin" affidavit. He began circulating such an affidavit to McKeithen and the several district attorneys involved for signatures. He expects to hand it to Novel's attorney within the week.

Pitcher also made available to Novel the official parish airplane for transportation into East Baton Rouge Parish and back to Ohio without setting down in any other jurisdiction, along with personal guards from his office.

DA SAYS STATE FUNDS PLEDGED IN CRIME PROBE

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Elusive Novel Will Be Granted Immunity

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Gov. John J. McKeithen's two-pronged investigation into organized crime in Louisiana headed for a weekend lull late Friday with these developments:

—East Baton Rouge District Attorney Sargent Pitcher said that McKeithen has agreed to grant him state funds for the East Baton Rouge Parish Grand Jury probe into crime.

Pitcher said that McKeithen put up $1,500 from his special law enforcement fund to help cover probe expenses.

—Elusive Gordon Novel, who contends he knows a lot about organized crime and criminals in the state, will be granted immunity by McKeithen and Orleans Parish DA Jim Garrison for a visit to Baton Rouge next week, Pitcher said.

—Life Magazine reporter David L. Chandler has been issued a subpena to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

—Gov. McKeithen and one of his opponents in the coming gubernatorial race, U. S. Rep. John Rarick, both addressed the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives in Baton Rouge, commenting on the probe of alleged organized crime.

YOUNG RELEASED

—Pitcher said that former McKeithen aid, Aubrey Young, a key figure in his probe, has been released from custody of the Southeast Louisiana State Mental Hospital at Mandeville.

The East Baton Rouge grand jury met most of the day Friday but returned no indictments when it adjourned about 4:30 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Pitcher went to Chicago and said he found out many valuable things from the visit concerning organized crime. He said he was going to tell the grand jury Friday, but grand jury sessions are secret so the Pitcher information was not available to the press.

Novel, wanted by Garrison and McKeithen in connection with his statements concerning the John F. Kennedy assassination probe of Garrison, told Pitcher he would come back to Louisiana from Columbus, Ohio, if granted immunity from arrest regarding the JFK murder investigation.

Pitcher said Novel will have immunity from arrest while in Louisiana and freedom to return to Columbus, or wherever he wants to go. He said the immunity is limited to arrest on any other charges and does not extend to anything involving his appearance.

Only one person has been indicted as result of the crime probes in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. That was D'Alton Smith, a former New Orleans electrical contractor who is accused of public bribery in offering $25,000 to Young to arrange a meeting.

Smith posted a $1,500 fugitive bond in Denton, Tex., and is still at large. A bond of $25,000 has been set for him in Baton Rouge on the bribery charge.

The Orleans Parish Grand Jury, which opened a probe into Life Magazine's charges of organized crime in New Orleans, has not returned an indictment.

McKEITHEN SPEAKS

In his talk Friday before the ALEC, McKeithen stated: "I would never betray the confidence the people have placed in me. If your faith in me has been shaken at all, I want you to know you are looking at a man who has never had anything to do with them (racketeers), and I will never have anything to do with them."

He said there is no doubt that calls came from Carlos Marcello, "if not to the governor's office, to the office next door."

Young has claimed he received two such telephone calls, but Life says as many as 60 may have been placed on a particular telephone. The House speaker's office was next door to the governor's office at the time of the alleged calls.

Addressing the group before McKeithen, Rarick charged that the public is being hoodwinked. "We must think and act for ourselves," he added.

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If the federal government is actually interested in combatting crime, the congressman continued, federal grand juries should be probing crime conditions in Louisiana. He said illicit narcotics traffic, gambling and some interstate prostitution all come under the federal government's jurisdiction.

"The federal government handcuffs our police officers, then accuses us of being the home base of the Costa Nostra," Rarick concluded.

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Orleans Jury Crime Probe Is Recessed

The Orleans Parish Grand Jury has adjourned its probe of organized crime until next Thursday. The adjournment came after the jury heard an all-star cast of witnesses including the governor and a rackets figure.

Gov. John J. McKeithen said he had no startling revelations during his 90 minutes before the jury yesterday, but "I answered all the questions freely and was glad to do it."

THE GOVERNOR DEMANDED a widespread investigation in the state after Life magazine reported that organized crime was rampant in Louisiana.

The man who Life tabbed as the crime kingpin, Carlos Marcello, also testified yesterday. "Lies, all lies," was all he would say when newsmen asked him about Cosa Nostra operations.

The jury also heard [illegible] Marshall Brown, state Democratic national committeeman [illegible]

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room about five minutes. He declined comment afterwards.

The governor was accompanied by State Police Superintendent Col. Thomas Burbank and two state troopers. McKeithen has been under special guard following a threat against his life.

"WE ARE ANXIOUS to get the facts," he told newsmen outside the grand jury room. "We have no secrets. We will tell everything we know."

Asked if he and District Attorney Jim Garrison are still friends, McKeithen replied, "I hope so. I am running for reelection."

Garrison has hotly disputed claims that organized crime exists in New Orleans. The governor added, "I never specified that organized crime is in Orleans Parish. We've got crime in Louisiana and we are going to get rid of it. Orleans Parish is part of Louisiana."

IN A SEPARATE aspect of the crime probe, fugitive witness Gordon Novel had a promise from Louisiana authorities that he may return to the state without arrest to testify about organized crime.

Efforts to extradite Novel from Ohio to testify in Garrison's probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy have been unsuccessful.

Novel claims to have sensational disclosures regarding the crime probe, and offered to testify if protected from arrest in the Kennedy probe.

East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney Sargent Pitcher said yesterday that other prosecuting authorities have consented to give Novel immunity from arrest if he [illegible]

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JURY CALLS BROWN IN N.O. CRIME PROBE

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Subpena Served Directing Governor to Appear

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The name of J. Marshall Brown, Democratic national committeeman from Louisiana, was added to the list of those scheduled to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in its probe of organized crime.

A subpena was issued for him by the District Attorney's Office Wednesday.

Deputies of Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr. said Brown's subpena, which directs him to appear at 11 a.m. Thursday, was served personally in New Orleans.

Earlier Wednesday, chief deputy's assistant Barney Kilbride served a subpena directing Gov. John J. McKeithen to appear at 2 p.m. Thursday on William V. Redmann, executive counsel to the governor, in Baton Rouge.

Previously Jefferson Parish rackets figure Carlos Marcello and two of his brothers, Samuel and Peter, were also subpenaed to appear Thursday.

Meanwhile Wednesday, East Baton Rouge District Attorney Sargent Pitcher, conducting his own crime investigation, said in Chicago that he has met with "tremendous success and accomplishments" on a trip to gather information about organized crime.

YOUNG ACCOMPANIES

Pitcher, who said details will be made public at the proper time, was accompanied to Chicago by Aubrey Young, a former aide to McKeithen.

Young's testimony before the East Baton Rouge Grand Jury has led to one indictment already in that jury's investigation of organized crime.

McKeithen was attending the Washington Parish Fair in Franklinton when his subpena was served. Redmann said the governor would have appeared on invitation without the subpena.

District Attorney Jim Garrison Tuesday first had invited the governor to appear in New Orleans, then subpenaed him.

Garrison, when asked why he issued the subpena, said, "Originally, I was following protocol and then I decided this is no time for protocol.

"We want to find out what these allegations of organized crime are all about and, so far, nobody seems to know except what they read in Life Magazine.

ETHICS UNIT TO PROBE

"We are going to call everybody we think can shed some light on this thing. If we have to we'll call the ambassador to the United Nations."

Also Wednesday the head of the State Police announced that the identity of a person who made a telephone call threatening McKeithen's life is known.

Col. Thomas Burbank described the man as a mental case and said that he is from New Orleans. Police have the man under observation, Burbank said.

Col. Burbank also announced

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Subpena Server Seeking Governor

Orleans Parish Chief Deputy Sheriff Barney Kilbride today was seeking to serve a subpena on Gov. John J. McKeithen to testify before the grand jury here on racketeering influences.

Kilbride was scheduled to go to Baton Rouge today to try to see the governor.

District Attorney Jim Garrison first said he was inviting McKeithen to testify, then issued the subpena, returnable tomorrow.

THE GOVERNOR, who under the law cannot be forced to testify, has said he would be glad to talk with the grand jury if he could be of help.

Meanwhile, East Baton Rouge Parish DA Sargent Pitcher went to Chicago to question Gordon Novel, the elusive witness sought by Garrison in his probe of the assassination of President John Kennedy.

Pitcher took with him an assistant and the foreman of the East Baton Rouge grand jury, which is also probing organized crime.

McKEITHEN HAD urged Pitcher to make every effort possible to get testimony from Novel, who claimed he would make sensational disclosures in a suit to be filed in Chicago [illegible] against Garrison and others.

Novel once installed electronic de-bugging devices in the governor's office, and possesses a card naming him a colonel on the governor's staff.

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A man is in love when he wants to call a girl by his last name.

[illegible] resumed its crime probe this morning. Telephone company officials were expected to bring in records sought by the jury in connection with the testimony of Aubrey Young, a former aide to McKeithen.

YOUNG ALLEGEDLY received calls while still on the governor's staff from rackets figure Carlos Marcello.

Young testified for two days last week. The jury indicted D'Alton Smith, a New Orleans contractor, for public bribery. The indictment said Smith offered Young $25,000 to influence him in his position.

Pitcher said the alleged bribery attempt was connected with an effort to bury free, [illegible] the Jimmy Hoffa, the Teamster boss in prison for jury tampering.

Smith surrendered yesterday in Denton, Tex., and was

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put under $1,500 fugitive bond.

IN ANOTHER development, McKeithen ordered the state police credentials of [illegible] (Zip) Chimento, an investigator for Jefferson Parish [illegible] [illegible] Lamb[illegible], to be picked up. A state police spokesman said the order was carried out.

The move resulted from statements by Life Magazine about Chimento in one of several articles on racketeering. Life said Chimento was a collector for Marcello's jukebox firm before joining the DA's staff.

Lamb[illegible] said Chimento was one of the best employees [illegible] he had [illegible].

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Novel Believes Young Is Scapegoat in Probe

Speaks of Action in State from Ohio

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Gordon Novel, sought for questioning in New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe, said Saturday a former aide to Gov. John McKeithen is an obvious scapegoat in a probe of criminal influence on state government.

Novel described Aubrey Young as "one of the finest people I know as a human being," adding, "It looks like he is talking pretty good. Maybe he's trying to pay some people back."

Novel, reached in Columbus, Ohio, said the crime investigation is intermixed with the assassination probe, which he called a Garrison hoax.

He offered to return to Louisiana and testify in the crime probe if given immunity from Garrison, who has tried without success to have Novel extradited.

WON'T HEAR ME

He can give valuable information, Novel said, but "a lot of people down there don't want to hear me talk."

Novel was asked if he supplied Life magazine with information on telephone conversations between Young and Carlos Marcello, New Orleans area rackets figure.

"I would rather not say," Novel said. "Is that a pretty big rumor down there now? The people of Louisiana haven't seen anything yet."

Young, who turned state's evidence which has led to the indictment of one man for bribery, is a former security officer for McKeithen. He had testified two days before the East Baton Rouge Parish grand jury.

Young bought bugging and debugging equipment from Novel in [illegible] for the governor's office, Novel said. Young also is the person who gave him a controversial brigadier general's commission on the governor's staff.

SHARK AFTER SHARK

McKeithen has said Young denied giving Novel the commission and the governor has denied having any connection with Novel, a former New Orleans [illegible] operator.

Novel said the crime investigation is like a pool of sharks after each other.

He said he will file suit Friday, [illegible], in Chicago for libel, naming Garrison, Truth and Consequences, the group financing the Garrison probe, and Playboy magazine. He said these persons probably will have to go to Chicago.

He promised later to expose prominent Baton Rouge and New Orleans persons in what he called a graveyard party in which a "corpse in a coffin" will be dug up.

Novel said also he will shed light on the selection of the domed stadium site in New Orleans, "who selected the site and why."

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BROWN CALLED IN CRIME PROBE

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he has turned over to the Louisiana Commission on Governmental Ethics an investigation into the activities of State Police Capt. Roland Coppola of Lafayette. Coppola was suspended as a troop commander after Life reported he associated with rackets figures.

Gordon Novel, who has figured prominently in Garrison's Kennedy death plot, said Wednesday he has offered to testify before the East Baton Rouge jury on organized crime provided immunity from Garrison be guaranteed.

GOING TO OHIO

Pitcher had said he was going to go to Columbus, Ohio, to ask Novel about his claim of having information. He planned to go on to Ohio from Chicago.

Novel said he sent a wire to Pitcher. The telegram follows:

"Dear Sir: Upon consulting with my [illegible] attorney, Mr. Jerry Weiner of Columbus, Ohio, pertaining to your recent statements relative to my 'putting up or shutting up' I hereby formally offer to come to Baton Rouge, La., immediately to testify about matters relative to my recent press statement and your belated investigation and will furnish facts, figures, documents, plans, recordings, etc. about these [illegible] [illegible] where I am currently being fraudently prosecuted for such time as is necessary to render the data and testimony before your grand jury and am permitted to return at my free will to the state of Ohio without any further persecution and political harassment.

[illegible] how many at that time," Pitcher said.

A federal court hearing on a bid for a new trial for international Teamsters boss James Hoffa was held in Chicago. The bid is an [illegible] of Pitcher's jury investigation.

D'Alton Smith, former New Orleans [illegible], has been indicted on a charge of perjury as a result of the investigation.

Young allegedly was offered $25,000 to arrange a meeting between Smith and Baton Rouge Teamster boss Edward Partin.

SURRENDER TOLD

According to Partin the meeting was to get him to change his testimony, which was instrumental in sending Hoffa to federal prison.

The East Baton Rouge sheriff's office reported that a man identifying himself as Smith surrendered in Denton, Tex., and posted a $2,500 fugitive bond.

[illegible] Smith's [illegible] were [illegible] ready to produce him in court at Denton.

The East Baton Rouge jury is also investigating influence Marcello may have had in telephone conversations between him and Young.

Pitcher said no link has been established between Marcello's calls and the Partin affair. He said one of his investigations is into organized crime in East Baton Rouge.

WORKING ON BOTH

"We are working on both. I can't tell whether they have any linking or not at this time," Pitcher said.

New Orleans Criminal District Court Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara was also involved in the Hoffa case. At the Chicago hearing O'Hara testified that he was the companion of Zachary Strate, a convicted felon, who [illegible] his expenses.

The federal grand jury in New Orleans is probing that aspect of the case.

Life Magazine in a series of articles first disclosed the connection between Young and Smith and between Young and Marcello. Young became a star witness with the grand jury following his dismissal from the governor's staff.

[illegible] the necessary immunity documents or shut up. Sincerely, Gordon Novel."

PLEDGE OF ACCORD

Meanwhile, Pitcher had sent a telegram to Weiner in Columbus, offering to meet Novel anywhere in the nation and examine Novel's information.

"Your refusal to accept this reasonable request can only be interpreted as an admission on your part that you have attempted to sensationalize fictitious or nonexistent evidence or to obtain immunity for yourself from crimes best known to yourself," Pitcher said.

Pitcher told Novel if his information was of value he was confident Gov. McKeithen, Garrison and other state prosecutors would honor his request for immunity from arrest while in Louisiana to testify before the Baton Rouge Grand Jury.

Pitcher said Garrison had been advised of the reply and had given his "complete pledge of cooperation and accord."

The East Baton Rouge jury which met Wednesday, was expected to recess until Pitcher returns, probably Thursday or Friday. Telephone company officials were expected to take records in connection with testimony by Young to the jury.

INVOLVES MANY

"All I have to say is that the trip to Chicago has been marked with tremendous success and accomplishments," Pitcher said. "The details and significance of our findings will be revealed later, when the time is appropriate."

He flatly stated, "when it comes out, it will be real good."

His Chicago information involves many more people in the investigation, but he was unable to disclose who and

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To Mr. Stevens

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minor point of possible interest to Mr. M. Stevens in re Novel/May, et al, is info we had that draft letter was found (allegedly) under piece of linoleum covering sink drainboard rather than a rug. Also still question of who may have written draft letter and, of course, and most importantly, why Novel may be trying to link himself to CIA is obscure - to say the least.

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Chief, SRS — 5 July 1967

M. D. Stevens

OSWALD Case
MAY, Hoke Smith, # 167314

1. Note in the attached New Orleans States-Item articles that it reportedly was to Hoke MAY, a reporter of that newspaper, that an incriminating letter which Gordon NOVEL allegedly wrote to a Mr. WEISS, who was "presumably connected with CIA," was delivered.

2. According to the States-Item articles of 26 May 1967, the letter, which appeared to be a draft, had been found under a rug in an apartment occupied by NOVEL prior to his departure from New Orleans in about mid-March 1957, and had been turned over to the boyfriend of one of two girls who found it while cleaning the apartment. The boyfriend had turned it over to his professor at a New Orleans university who is a friend of Reporter Hoke MAY, and he delivered it to MAY. (NOVEL's attorney has stated that NOVEL worked for CIA in New Orleans in 1961).

linoleum covering sink drainboard

3. Hoke MAY, without question, is Subject who in April 1958 was granted a Covert Security Approval for unwitting use by Project FJINDULGE. MAY was not to be directly employed by FJINDULGE but was to be used in connection with his position with a private firm which handled work for the Project.

4. Investigation of Subject by this Agency in February/March 1958 reflected nothing of a derogatory nature. It did indicate, however, that he has in the past had an interest in politics and in 1952 was employed as political campaign manager in the unsuccessful race of a candidate for Congress from Georgia. Subject's grandfather was a Governor of Georgia and later a Senator from that State. Subject has been employed by various newspapers, including the New York Times (October 1948-March 1949). There is no information in Subject's file subsequent to his Covert Security Approval dated April 1958.

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FOLLOWS DEVIOUS PATH

Letter by Novel Adds to Mystery

A letter written by fugitive witness Gordon Novel added a new cloak-and-dagger twist today to the Kennedy assassination probe.

Attorney Steven Plotkin said Novel actually wrote the communication. Further, he said his client was working for the Central Intelligence Agency here in 1961.

But Novel called the letter a "trap" set for Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who is attempting to bring Novel back to New Orleans for questioning.

WHATEVER THE authenticity of the document, the circumstances of its discovery read like a chapter in a who-done-it.

The letter came into the hands of States-Item reporter Hoke May. This is how it happened:

The letter turned up when two girls were doing their spring housecleaning. It was well hidden in the fugitive witness's French Quarter apartment.

SO WELL HIDDEN, in fact, that a team of Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents and officers from Garrison's investigative squad missed it when they searched the rooms after Novel left town in March.

The girls, who rented the Novel apartment after his departure, found it during a thorough housecleaning and refurbishing session.

One of them turned it over to her boy friend. He in turn, showed it to his professor at a New Orleans university.

The professor is a friend of May's.

THE LETTER was addressed to a Mr. Weiss and probably was written in late January or early February of this year, judging by the time sequence it describes.

When a copy was sent to him, Plotkin reviewed its contents, spoke to his client and told the States-Item Novel had drafted the letter.

He said, "Everything in the letter as far as Novel is concerned is actually the truth."

The contents of the missive are compounded of cryptic references, code names and a plea for Weiss to get Novel "out of this mess" by an unspecified date in March of 1967.

THE LETTER appears to be a draft which later might be recopied or typed. There is no indication it was ever mailed; however, and Plotkin said he does not know whether the draft was sent to the addressee.

Presumably, Weiss is connected with the CIA.

Novel departed New Orleans about mid-March after receiving a subpena to testify in Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation. He went to McLean, Va., the headquarters of the CIA.

HE WAS MET there by a former official of the Justice Department who now works for one of the radio-television networks.

The 29-year-old former bar owner took a lie detector test at McLean and ducked under cover for another few days, a time when he was reported to be in Montreal.

His next appearance was at Gahanna, Ohio, a Columbus suburb where he was arrested April 1 on a warrant from Garrison who charged him with conspiracy to burglarize a munitions dump at Houma in 1961.

AN INDEPENDENT handwriting expert says the letter is in Novel's handwriting. The expert, Gilbert Fortier of New Orleans, compared the penciled letter with other samples of Novel's writing and printing.

"It is my conclusion that the same person who wrote the handwriting specimens also wrote the draft to Mr. Weiss," Fortier asserted.

He said he checked especially for the possibility the letter might be a forgery but concluded it was not probable.

"It was written too easily and too freely to have been forged," Fortier said.

THE LETTER to Weiss begins:

"This letter is to inform you that District (Attorney) Jim Garrison has subpenaed myself and an associate to testify before his Grand Jury on matters which may be classified TOP SECRET. Actions of individuals connected with DOUBLE-CHEK CORPORATION in Miami in first quarter of 1961."

(The authoritative book, "The Invisible Government," identified Double-Chek Corp. of Miami as a CIA front organization which recruited pilots and other Cuban personnel for the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961.)

"WE HAVE NO current contact available to inform of this situation at the letter continues. "So I took the liberty of writing you direct and apprising you of current situation . . . expecting you to forward this through appropriate channels.

"Our connection and activity of that period involved individuals presently . . . about to be indicted as conspirators in Mr. Garrison's investigation.

"We have temporarily avoided one subpena not to reveal Double-Chek activities or associate them with this mess. We want out of this thing before Thursday 3/ /67. Our attorneys have been told to expect another subpena to appear and testify on this matter. The Fifth Amendment and/or immunity (and) legal tactics will not suffice.

"MR. GARRISON is in possession of unsworn portions of this testimony. He is unaware of Double-Chek's involvement in this matter but has strong suspicions. I have been questioned extensively by local FBI recently as to whether or not I was involved with Double-Chek's parent holding corporation during the time. My reply on five queries was negative.

"Bureau unaware of Double-Chek association in this matter. Our attorneys and others are in possession of complete sealed files containing all information concerning matters.

"In event of our sudden departure, either accidental or otherwise, they are instructed to simultaneously release same for public scrutiny in different areas . . .

"APPROPRIATE counter action relative to Garrison's inquisition concerning us may best be handled through military channels vis (a) vis D.I.A. man. Garrison is presently colonel in Louisiana Army National Guard and has ready reserve status. Contact may be had through our attorneys of record, Plotkin, Alvarez, Sapir . . ."

Plotkin confirmed that he has tapes and records held in

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DA Seeking Copies of 'CIA' Letter by Novel

Hoke May

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison today asked for copies of a letter purportedly directed to the Central Intelligence Agency by fugitive witness Gordon Novel.

The letter, which Novel's lawyer said was written by his client, came into the possession of the States-Item. It was reported to have been found in Novel's former apartment in the French Quarter.

It apparently was written before Novel's departure from New Orleans after he was subpenaed to testify in Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation.

NOVEL, WANTED both as a material witness and on charges of conspiracy to burglarize a munitions dump at Houma, is free on $10,000 bond at Columbus, Ohio, awaiting an extradition hearing.

A copy and transcript of the penciled draft were given to Steven Plotkin, Novel's New Orleans attorney, early this week. Yesterday, Plotkin said his client worked for the Central Intelligence Agency here during 1961.

Plotkin said Novel wrote the draft, and added: "everything . . . so far as Novel is concerned, is actually the truth."

But Novel appeared to contradict his lawyer later yesterday when he said the letter was a "final trap" for Garrison.

"Mr. Garrison has finally fallen into the last trap. I thought his fine Cajun gumshoes were going to miss it. Under the rug has hal . . ."

ACTUALLY, THE letter was delivered to the States-Item by a college professor who is a friend of a reporter on the staff. A student gave it to him, and the student received the letter from his girl friend who is renting Novel's former apartment. It was found under linoleum on the kitchen sink drainboard.

Noting a story about the letter in yesterday's final edition, Garrison asked the States-Item to give his office copies. He would not comment further.

The statement by his attorney that Novel worked for the CIA here confirmed a report of the witness' government activities published first in the States-Item on April 2.

Garrison has charged the CIA with engaging in a "monstrous coverup" following the Kennedy assassination and of duping the Warren Commission into inaccurate conclusions.

The Warren Commission concluded that Kennedy was slain by a Communist-oriented, disgruntled youth, Lee Harvey Oswald. It said it could find no evidence that Oswald was aided by anyone.

GARRISON HAS said that Latin adventurers employed in CIA-sponsored anti-Castro operations killed Kennedy out of anger over an abrupt end to their support by the U.S. government.

Plotkin said Novel worked with the CIA as an "intermediary" with anti-Castro Cubans, but he said his client's CIA activities "had little or nothing to do with the Bay of Pigs invasion and certainly had nothing to do with the assassination of President Kennedy."

Sunday, Novel told police he was fired upon several times by a hidden sniper in Nashville, Tenn. He said he was wounded by flying glass. A Nashville radio-TV newsman who was with him told the same story.

In the letter draft which Plotkin said Novel wrote, the [illegible]-year-old former bar owner asked "Mr. Weiss" to get him out of "this mess" by an unspecified date in March.

The letter says the writer had received one subpena to testify in the Garrison probe, but has been able to avoid it. It adds that attorneys have informed him other subpenas would be issued.

The letter asks Weiss to help him so that he will not have to reveal "top secret" activities of an organization he refers to as Double-Chek Corp. of Miami.

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3	WEINER, JERRY	Novel's Columbus dist lawyer		NR	
4	GURVICH, WILLIAM	Garrison's chief investigator	P5	NR	
5	GURVITCH, "			NR	
6	GOURVICH, "			NR	
7	GOURVITCH, "			NR	
8	MARTENS, LAYTON PATRICK	" Received with Novel file	5	see Oswald file clip. 4/6/67	
9	WALKER, CHARLES F.	"	6		
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[illegible] in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination, worked for the Central Intelligence Agency in early 1961, Novel's attorney said yesterday.

The attorney, Steve Plotkin said Novell served as an intermediary between the CIA and anti-Castro Cubans in New Orleans and Miami before the April 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion. Plotkin maintained, though, that Novel had little or nothing to do with the Bay of Pigs invasion and certainly had absolutely nothing to do with the assassination of President Kennedy.

Garrison has charged that the CIA fomented a monstrous coverup to dupe the Warren Commission in its investigation of the assassination.

Plotkin made this statement after the New Orleans States-Item said it had discovered a letter written by Novel apparently to a CIA official named "Mr. Weiss" and asking that he be taken out of this mess in March of this year.

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Novel Admitted Bunker Theft, Rhodes Is Told

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New Orleans to Houma at night in a Lincoln automobile owned and driven by Gordon Novel and in a panel truck.

"AFTER ARRIVING at the site of the bunker, which was leased by Schlumberger Well Services Corp., the defendant, Gordon Novel, Sergio Arcacha-Smith, David W. Ferrie, and others, unnamed, unlawfully entered it by cutting the lock with a pair of bolt cutters which had been brought along for the purpose.

"After entry into the bunker (they) took various forms of explosives and munitions. Thereafter they returned to the city of New Orleans with the stolen munitions."

The extradition papers also included a photograph of Novel identified by a former girl friend, Marlene Mancuso, 42 Oaklawn dr., Metairie, who had dated Novel in 1961.

THE DOCUMENTS also contain a copy of the simple burglary charge leveled against Novel and Arcacha by the sheriff of Terrebonne Parish. The affidavit was signed by Capt. Bert Boyne.

Meanwhile, the DA's office said a new figure in the investigation scheduled for questioning today was interviewed last night by a Garrison aide.

A DA's office spokesman declined to say what questions were asked or what information was obtained from the man.

He is Juan M. Valdes, a self-described Latin playwright who figured in one of the city's more sensational murders. A subpena was issued for him yesterday.

Valdes in the summer of 1964 discovered the mutilated body of Dr. Mary Stults Sherman, a women physician who occupied the same St. Charles ave. apartment building where the summoned witness lives.

HE WAS investigating smoke coming from the Sherman apartment when he stumbled onto the body. Dr. Sherman's killer, who has never been found, tried to burn the body.

Garrison would not comment on what questions will be asked Valdes.

Another Latin, 30-year-old Carlos Quiroga, spent two hours and ten minutes before the grand jury yesterday and emerged without comment.

QUIROGA, a Cuban exile, was once a close friend and associate of a fugitive witness from the Garrison inquiry, 44-year-old Sergio Arcacha Smith,

Novel Admitted Bunker Theft, Rhodes Is Told

An affidavit filed with new extradition papers sent to Columbus, Ohio, claims that Gordon Novel admitted his part in a burglary of a munitions bunker in Houma in 1961.

The new extradition papers were sent to Ohio Gov. James Rhodes as part of Orleans Parish Dist. Attorney Jim Garrison's efforts to bring Novel back to Louisiana on a burglary conspiracy charge.

Garrison wants Novel in connection with his investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

James L. Alcock, an assistant district attorney, said in the affidavit:

"The said Gordon Novel responded to questioning by Jim Garrison, district attorney for the Parish of Orleans, and William Gurvich, investigative aide to Jim Garrison, that he and the parties named herein did in fact commit the conspiracy and burglary outlined above."

In the body of the affidavit, Alcock declared that Novel, Sergio Arcacha Smith, David W. Ferrie and other unnamed persons "did conspire, agree, and combine to burglarize a munitions bunker located in Houma, La."

He said the conspiracy was entered into in New Orleans at the home of Arcacha.

Alcock said that the men went to Houma on or about Aug. 21, 1961.

"The trip was made from

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Lane Stalks Out of Parley With Novel

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Author Mark Lane and Gordon Novel, figures in controversies surrounding the death of President John F. Kennedy, had harsh words for each other after Lane stalked out of a meeting he had sought to discuss the New Orleans assassination probe.

Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment," first book challenging the validity of the Warren Commission report, yesterday met privately with Novel, wanted in New Orleans as a material witness in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Investigation.

Novel's Columbus attorney, Jerry Weiner, said the meeting, arranged at Lane's request, involved mostly questioning of his client by the author. When Novel started to question Lane, Weiner said, the author refused to answer.

Both men talked freely with reporters afterward.

Novel, a former New Orleans night club operator, branded Lane a "publicity man for Jim Garrison" and asserted he is "doing propaganda work for the district attorney."

Lane charged that a sodium amytal (truth serum) test given Novel in Columbus a few weeks ago was "rigged." Lane said Novel "hedged on questions" he answered during the test and that he "wasn't telling very much."

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Lane and Novel Confrontation Produces Heat, but Little Light

By Abe Zaidan

Special to The Washington Post

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 14—Clearly, the spirit was not in keeping with that warm, deep-down-inside feeling of Mother's Day.

Mark Lane, the author, lecturer and critic of the Warren Commission Report, hissed that he had been libeled, and left in a huff.

Gordon Novel, whom New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison has described as a key witness in the Kennedy assassination probe, fumed that Lane was nothing more than a "propagandist" for Garrison anyway.

Jerry Weiner, Novel's Columbus attorney, glumly allowed as how he might have spent the morning on the golf course if Lane hadn't insisted on the rendezvous with his client. But then he went into detail about Novel's pending libel suit against Garrison and his circle of financial backers in New Orleans.

The only show of cordiality came when an office secretary asked for Lane's autograph. He responded graciously.

The encounter in Weiner's law offices this morning started when Lane asked to talk with Novel before driving on to Denison University at Granville, Ohio, for an afternoon lecture.

What got Lane really worked up was a 17-point questionnaire that Weiner's private investigator, Stan Greenbaum, distributed to the handful of newsmen while Weiner, Lane and Novel talked things over behind closed doors.

The questionnaire, which Novel wanted Lane to answer while strapped to a lie detector, was a masterpiece of Red-baiting.

His loyalty challenged, Lane put newsmen on notice that the statement was libelous. He accused Weiner of "unethical" conduct.

Weiner, who revealed equal surprise at Novel's assault, apologized. But Lane assured everyone that he would never come back. By this time, Weiner was saying he wouldn't invite Lane back anyway.

Lane said he came to discuss the case with Novel because of the author's continuing interest in it. But he said he was leaving with reason to believe that Novel is not "at all being frank."

He charged that an earlier lie detector test which purported to clear Novel of involvement in the assassination conspiracy was "rigged by segments of the media." This, he said, plainly meant the National Broadcasting Co. and Hearst Headline Service, who paid for the test.

"If Novel has nothing to hide, he ought to appear before the grand jury in New Orleans," Lane contended.

"If I went there," Novel responded indignantly, "I'd be incarcerated for life."

Novel is facing extradition on charges that he burglarized a munitions dump in Houma, La. He has maintained that Garrison's whole case has been a fraud. Lane has been saying that Garrison has the case wrapped up.

And Greenbaum plaintively remarked to everyone this morning that "it's nice to know we're on the right side. We're the ones who are defending our Government."

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